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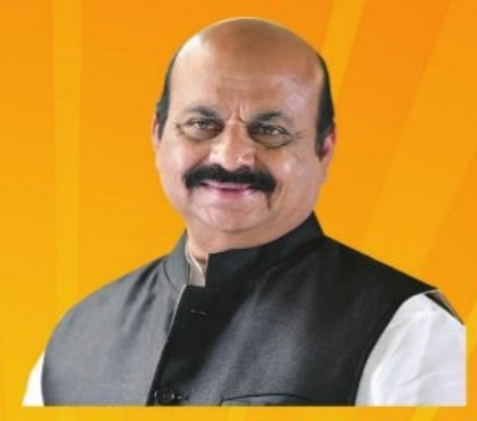
I belong to middle-class, understand their pressures, says Nirmala

Ahead of the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said, "I too belong to the middle-class, so I can understand the pressures of the middle-class," while recalling that the government has not imposed any fresh taxes on them. Nirmala will present the Union Budget on February 1, amid expectations that the Centre will raise the income tax limit and provide relief to the middle-class.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARAT



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sankranti wishes to all

Major Strides in Women Empowerment

Education, Youth and Social Development

Special Steps for Protection of Health

"Grihini Shakthi" Scheme

Grihini Shakthi Scheme is an exclusive scheme that provides financial assistance to housewives from low-income families in distress affected by Covid and floods. The scheme will be implemented soon.

Welfare and empowerment of women

Budget allocation – Rs. 43,188 crore

Sthree Samarthya Scheme implemented in State for the first time

- Encouragement to set up small enterprises under Sthree Samarthya Scheme to make SHG members successful entrepreneurs

Under the 'Amrith Self-Help Micro Enterprise' Scheme, Rs.75 crore has been released to the chosen 7500 SHGS at Rs. 1 lakh per SHG to make them into micro-enterprises.

- 50,000 SHGs selected across the state for capacity building, skill training and training in marketing and branding.
- Training from Technical Support Agencies and agreement through empanelled agencies and certification
- Additional bank contact through Anchor Bank for undertaking entrepreneurial activities with ease
- Fairs under the name 'Asmithe' for providing market to products of SHG women.
- Extension of the 'Sphoorthi' scheme all over the state. The project aims to prevent child marriage, school dropout rate of girl children and eradicate malnutrition.
- Steps for self-protection training for 3 lakh girls
- Self-protection training for inmates of SC, ST and OBC girls' hostels
- Pension for Acid attacks increased from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000

Education and uplifting students

- For the first time in the State's history, steps taken to build 8,101 classrooms at a cost of Rs. 1,412 crore.
- Steps taken to appoint 15,000 teachers. Of this, 5,000 teachers will be appointed in Kalyana Karnataka.
- Implementation of National Education Policy 2020
- Rs. 60 crore grant for constructing 400 Anganawadi buildings combining it with the MGNREGA scheme
- Rs. 7.50 crore spent @ Rs. 1 lakh per Anganawadi to build infrastructure in 750 Anganawadi centres under Amrutha Anganawadi Centres.
- Grant provided to schools for specially-abled children raised from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 per child under the special education scheme of specially-abled children. Grant increased by 50%.

Steps to eradicate malnutrition in children

- Facilities provided to children with severe malnutrition have been extended to children with moderate malnutrition.
- Distribution of fortified rice in 14 districts in the State through ration system
- Under the Midday Meal Scheme, serving of Banana/Peanut Chikki for 1st to 8th standard students who do not eat eggs in Kalyana Karnataka districts and Vijayapura district.

Welfare of Labourers

- Implementation of works worth Rs. 2,610 crore for the development of labourers
- Scholarship schemes started to encourage the children of labourers. Grants worth Rs. 462.12 crore allocated to 2.97 lakh children.
- Under Nekar Samman Yojan, through DBT, Rs. 5,000 transferred to the bank account of each labourer engaged in weaving and pre-loom activities. The scheme has benefitted 1 lakh labourers.

Health

- Project to upgrade 100 primary health centres into community health centres flagged off. 71 of these PHCs belong to Kalyana Karnataka.
- 438 'Namma Clinic' started in State.
- 300 Women Care Centres started in State to provide advice on women's health problems.
- A Regional Cardiac Centre of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research established in Hubballi at a cost of Rs. 250 crore.
- Kidwai Regional Cancer Centre started in Belagavi at a cost of Rs. 50 crore.
- Steps taken to establish Infusion Centres, where chemotherapy is administered to cancer patients, in 10 selected institutes of medical sciences.
- Seven Taluk hospitals upgraded into 100-bed hospitals.
- Trauma Centre established in Tumakuru at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Rs. 10 crore provided in 2022-23.
- Ayushmathi Clinics will be started in the state soon.

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 16/01/2023 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Pausha • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Navami 1.43 pm • Nakshatra: Swathi 2.35 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07.30 am to 09.00 am • Gulikakala: 01.30 pm to 03.00 pm • Yamaganda: 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 13°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST: Mostly sunny

Sunrise 6.45 am | Sunset 6.12 pm | Moonrise 12.59 am | Moonset 12.55 pm

FLIGHT MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING AT VIENNA, FLYERS STRANDED

Passengers, who had departed from Bengaluru on an Air France plane, claim they have no food, water or info; Likely to reach Paris soon

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

OVER 100 flyers on board an Air France flight from Bengaluru to Paris on Sunday morning, had to make an emergency landing at Vienna in Austria, due to a technical glitch. Most of the passengers on board the AF203 are on the way to US or Canada, and opted to fly via Paris.

They are now stranded at Vienna airport for over ten hours (as of 9.30pm IST) without food, water or information from Air France, they said. They could be sent to Paris soon.

Their travel appears to be jinxed. They were to take a Vistara flight (UK-866) from Bengaluru to Mumbai at 9.40pm Saturday, and switch to an Air France flight to Paris. Hari Krishnan, an IT product manager in Bengaluru, whose brother's family is on board the flight, told *TNIE*, "They were given the option to directly board an Air France flight from Bengaluru to Paris (AF 203). Unfortunately, now they are stranded and in bad shape in Austria," he said.

He has been reaching out to the Ministry of External Affairs, Air France, and Directorate General of Civil Aviation, requesting for help.

His brother Prabhu Seeba and sister-in-law Priti Kustagi are struggling to manage their 10-month-old girl and 6-year-old boy. Kustagi, a project manager in Dallas, said, "Our flight departed at 2.15am Sunday from KIA, and we would have reached Paris in 1.5 hrs, when the Captain made an announcement that due to a technical glitch, an emergency landing was being made at Vienna."

On reaching the airport, the passengers were asked to remain seated and engineers came on board to set right the issue. "After 90 minutes, we were told to deplane and then taken to the terminal," she said. "There was no information from anyone at Air France or any support forthcoming," she charged. Inside the terminal, the passengers had an issue with immigration staff as they did not have a Schengen visa.

"We have not been given food, water or information. I am terribly worried as baby food for my infant is running out," Kustagi added. Brijesh, a Mangalorean, tweeted to the External Affairs Ministry for help. Attaching a screenshot, he wrote, "The airline states that the flight resumed its journey to Paris, which is false, and the 100+ passengers are stranded at Vienna with no direction or support. Please help."

When contacted on social media, Air France asked the reporter to contact its corporate communications team.

Passengers from the Bengaluru-Paris Air France flight, after they were deplaned in Vienna on Sunday.

KIA T2 starts ops, first flight takes off to Kalaburagi

ENS @ Bengaluru

SUNDAY was a day to remember for aviation enthusiasts from Bengaluru as at 8.50am, the first flight from Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport, operated by Star Air, took off to Kalaburagi. The first flight to land at KIA too was by the same airline on its return leg.

A dollu kunitha performance, a cake-cutting ceremony, fun events and the lighting of the traditional lamp inside T2 premises marked the launch of its commercial operations. The first passenger to walk inside the terminal as well as get on board Star Air's Embraer-145, a 50-seater one, was aviation enthusiast Gautam Musinipalli. This senior developer of JP Morgan at San Jose in the US was delighted that his visit to India coincided with the take-off of the maiden flight from the brand new terminal. He also came back to Bengaluru on the return leg of the flight (S5-188). The well-travelled techie was bowled over by the swanky terminal. "It is too good. I rate it better than the Osaka airport in Japan and the New York airport. My entry was smooth using my retina (face recognition technology) and the checks were very quick," he said.

Hari Marar, MD and CEO of Bangalore International Airport Ltd, said, "For now we have one airline operationally ready at Terminal 2. Over the next few months, every 15-30 days, we will have one airline operationally ready and by March end, we will have all domestic airlines at the new terminal and achieve operational stability. By early next year, we plan to move all international airlines to Terminal 2."

The launch flight from Bengaluru to Kalaburagi carried 40 passengers, while the return flight had 39 passengers, a Star Air source said.

EXPRESS READ

B'luru min temperature at four-year low

BENGALURU: Bengaluru city recorded its lowest minimum temperature in the past four years, at 12.8 degrees Celsius, on Sunday morning. Bengalureans took to social media expressing their thoughts about the weather. Sreelakshmi tweeted, "Why is Bangalore's weather so weird? The sun is glaring at my face and my hands are shivering from the cold weather." The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that the onset of cold weather will remain over the next few days. Also, foggy weather is expected in the coming days, but the lowest temperature is yet to be predicted. Previously, the lowest temperature recorded was 12.8 degrees Celsius, on January 2, 2019, and 13 degrees Celsius on January 11, 2023. However, the all-time lowest temperature the city witnessed was 7.8 degrees celsius, which was reported way back on January 13, 1884.

'Education must foster environment literacy'

BENGALURU: Johny Biosphere, also known as M A Khan, principal of K K High School in Varthur, said the curriculum, syllabus and textbooks need to be modified for environment literacy. Speaking at a Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) webinar organised by the ENVironmental Information System (ENVIS), Centre for Ecological Sciences at IISc, titled 'LiFE: Curriculum (National Education Policy) and behavioural changes in students', he said that while the subject of environmental awareness exists in schools, it is treated as a pencil-paper test. Khan has been instrumental in teaching school students on environmental issues, as well as highlighting matters of encroachment and pollution of Varthur Lake to the authorities. Speaking on highlighting these issues in education, he said the system must be changed to ensure activity-based learning.

Bommai unveils 112-ft Adiyogi idol in C'ballapur, says state is blessed

V VELAYUDHAM @Chikkaballapur

A man should be true to his conscience, birth and death are just moments, and living sincerely will give peace, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, after unveiling a 112-ft Adiyogi statue in Avalagurki village, 7km from Chikkaballapur, late Sunday evening.

Not only the people of Karnataka, but those across the nation and universe are blessed to receive the darshan of Adiyogi in Chikkaballapur, said Bommai, adding that he wants to change the name "Sadhguru" to "Sadaguru" as his vision is in the interest of the nation and unity.

Chikkaballapur has turned sacred as the Sadhguru has constructed the Adiyogi statue and performed spiritual pujas which will ensure growth, the CM said. "Our nation is sacred, all we want is unity, a good atmosphere and prosperity, and the state government is committed to sacred programmes," he said.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar said this is the second Adiyogi statue in the nation and through Isha Foundation, more such activities will be promoted in the district and across the state. The unveiling of the statue is a fitting finale to the eight-day Chikkaballapur Utsav on Sankranti, he added.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev said by doing yoga, a person holds all the controls of the mind and can achieve everything.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev addresses the gathering during the unveiling of the 112-ft-tall Adiyogi statue in Avalagurki village, near Chikkaballapur on Sunday | EXPRESS

POLL READINESS

SEC RELEASES LIST FOR 3 ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

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THE State Election Commission on Sunday released the final voter list under the Special Revision of Electoral Roll - 2023, for three Assembly constituencies in Bengaluru, which fall under BBMP limits – Shivajinagar, Mahadevapura and Chickpet.

According to the list, there are 9,80542 voters, of whom 5,15,983 are men, 4,64,415 women, and 144 belong to the third gender.

The list was released by District Electoral Officers and BBMP Chief Commissioner **Tushar Girinath** on Sunday. The list for these Assemblies was delayed due to the Chilume NGO scam. Earlier, a list of 25 Vidhana Soudha constituencies was published on January 5.

In the final list, there are 1,94,937 voters in Shivajinagar constituency, 2,13,066 in Chickpet, and 5,72,539 in Mahadevapura.

After the publication of the draft voter list on November 11, time was given till December 12 to submit objections and a special campaign was carried out in these three constituencies regarding the revision of the voter list.

Girinath contended that the objections were settled on January 6 and the final voter list was published on January 15. He also stated that the process of continuous revision of electoral roll, amendment of addition, transfer and removal from the electoral roll will continue. He added that those who want to enrol into the voters list can visit www.ceokarnataka.kar.nic.in as their names will reflect in a supplementary list.

Meanwhile, the BBMP jurisdictions are preparing for the Assembly polls, and in this regard, the assistant polling registrars will start inspection of all polling booths in the 28 Assembly constituencies in BBMP limits from January 16, 2023.

KSRTC should buy or lease e-buses, instead of privatising them: Unions

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

While the the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's e-buses commenced commercial operations on Monday, KSRTC employee associations say that this is a prelude to privatising the entire corporation, which should be opposed. They request the government to either buy or take the buses on lease, instead of completely privatising the operations.

"A private operator gets a subsidy of Rs 88 lakh for every e-bus. They get Rs 10 lakh subsidy to set up charging stations. KSRTC will provide the land and offer other resources. Taking all these benefits, private players will rake the moolah," said Anand, who is joint secretary of Karnataka Rajya Raste Sarige Naukarara Okkutta.

While the assets of all four transport corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKSRT and KKRTC) can cross Rs 1 lakh crore, the decision to permit private players to operate the buses, citing there is no money with KSRTC is nothing but the first major step toward privatisation, he claimed.

"Even if there are few people, KSRTC will run its buses. However, we cannot expect the same from private players. We cannot expect the private service to be people-friendly," Anand felt.

Transport activist H V Anantha Subbarao, who is also the president of KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation (affiliated to AITUC), said, "We are not against the introduction of e-buses, but to the privatisation of KSRTC."

Instead of buying or leasing the buses, it has privatised the entire operation. As the transport corporation is experimenting with e-buses, it should have restricted to allowing 10 e-buses, instead of permitting 50 buses at one go on a contract for 12 years, Subbarao said.

"KSRTC is a passenger-based industry, the likes and dislikes of people must be collected after running some buses, before increasing the numbers," he insisted. A top KSRTC official said, "For now, the private operator will run 50 e-buses on Gross Cost Contract. We will observe how the buses are doing and explore the options of leasing the buses."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16TH January : We're now in the run-up to the next major Mars-Jupiter pattern, which makes us choose between reality and illusion. If that doesn't mean a lot to you then let me explain. Critical points in this cycle relate to our belief systems and religions. It seems to me that the next phase favours co-operation rather than conflict, which comes as something of a relief!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you manage to sort out all financial duties and complications today, you will give yourself a much easier ride over the rest of the week. Roman-tically, this could be a significant moment, with secrets coming into the open over the next few days.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon's occupation of important regions of your chart is a symbolic indication that you hold the centre stage, and can therefore afford to dictate the pace. It's very much a favourable time for romantic Taureans, so let your imagination roam free.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are famous for your reliance on the facts, but there are times when even your legendary objectivity slips. You may do better to concentrate on creating a good impression in subtle and intuitive ways. If there is anything which you can do to ease a loved one's burdens, please do so as soon as you can.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Strong social stars today reveal that even if you're at work you will have to pay great attention to partners' needs and desires. But if you're pre-occupied with matters of a more personal nature then you may consider cancelling one particular engagement. Don't be hasty.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Finances are obviously a major bone of contention, but probably because you know how well you could do if only you had the chance. The best advice now is to dream on and hope that your intuitions come up with the answer. Check your fantasies against the facts, though.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's not the facts and figures that are important, but the message behind them. You should therefore do everything you can to avoid being taken in by appea-rances. You might take all financial offers with a healthy pinch of salt, if only because other people don't seem to have your grip on reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Crucial planets are now aligned with the very foundations of your solar chart. You probably still feel that you're being under-cut, almost as if everything you have always relied on is being steadily eroded. Don't worry about it, for a very healthy change is under way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may have every reason to believe that you have been wronged, and now that misunderstandings seem to be present on a potentially grand scale, your suspicions may be confirmed. Or so you imagine! Always bear in mind that the truth may be the very reverse of what you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
If today is about anything, it's about trust. You may allow loved ones or close associates all the freedom of manoeuvre they need to succeed or fail. Even though they may be slightly muddled, in the final analysis they have to take responsibility for their own ideas and actions. And all you can do is offer constructive advice and support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If you are now confronted with obstacles or challenges at home, don't hold back or, worse still, decide to give up altogether. Even quite small developments may seem like a mighty step into the unknown, so it's important that you boost your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
What you have experienced recently may make you wonder if a complete break or separation is necessary. On the other hand, you may feel that, at a time when there is so much to play for, you shouldn't be too hasty. The same old thoughts are likely to be wandering around your mind for some time yet!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You should make every effort to explain yourself, even if you think there is no more to say. Don't be afraid to ask silly questions, or go over plans and proposals which have already been confirmed. It's all a matter of sorting out the practical questions which underpin your personal hopes.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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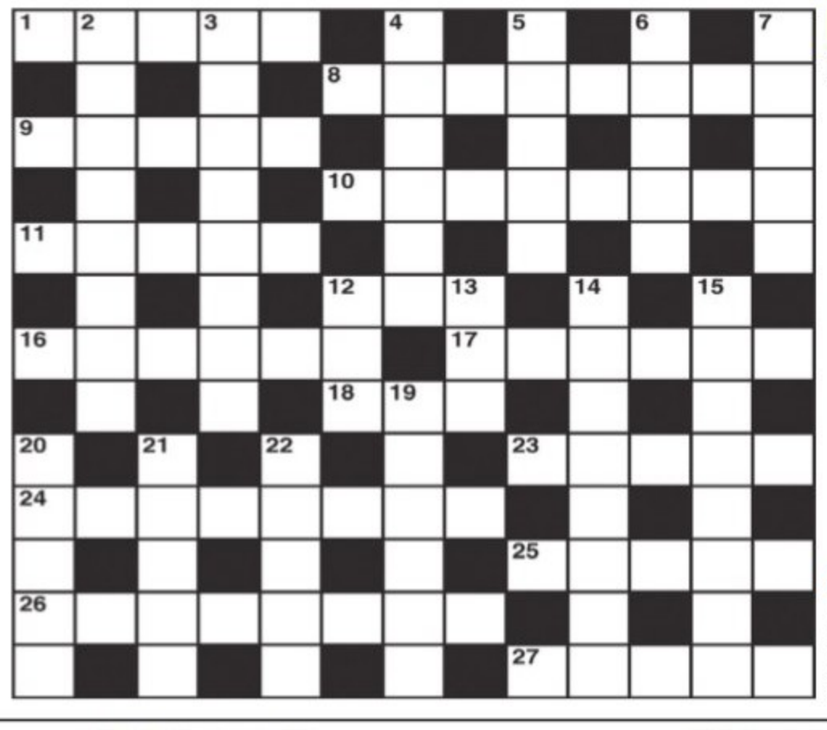
SUDOKU

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 A change of heart for one mother (5)
8 Party favourite to gain power (8)
9 Make fun of one's peers (5)
10 We take a call about silver speculation (8)
11 Criticise the effect of a loose bearing (5)
12 Catch or catch on (3)
16 Old warship with two sets of propellers (6)
17 Andrew goes out for a ramble (6)
18 Stars in a role of some importance (3)
23 Jar in which to put coal (5)
24 Propose that the main difference should be in money (8)
25 Looked, started to go back then went ahead (5)
26 Sad passage to quote back (8)
27 Anxious to be perfect perhaps (5)

DOWN
2 Is it dealt with at the end of a medical textbook? (8)
3 Defence cuts (8)
4 In such a way fine fabric provides comfort (6)
5 Diets must change with the times (5)
6 It follows 6's call (5)
7 They're not expected to impede one's progress (5)
12 Limb turned to solid jelly (3)
13 The number that was offered initially (3)
14 An affair to arouse curiosity (8)
15 Uneasy, lacking sleep (8)
19 Necessitate being in late perhaps (6)
20 One way to shoot game (5)
21 Possibly set about a doctor - hit him? (5)
22 Join a girl and kiss (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Checkpoint, 6 Harp, 10 Sepia, 11 Contralto, 12 Aspirant, 13 Tithe, 15 Tarried, 17 Pickets, 19 Pestles, 21 Bolster, 22 Learn, 24 Downpour, 27 Toothache, 28 Lotto, 29 Diet, 30 Present day.

Down: 1 Cast, 2 Exposures, 3 Khaki, 4 Orchard, 5 Nonstop, 7 Allot, 8 Professors, 9 Critical, 14 Stipulated, 16 Iolanthe, 18 Entrusted, 20 Sidecar, 21 Bowlers, 23 Arose, 25 Pylon, 26 Holy.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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TODIT

MFLBUE

GNYURH

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
TAUHID BONDIA
creator of CRABGRASS
THAT'S IT, MISTER !
MILES' DREAMS OF BEING A PILOT ARE OVER SINCE HE'LL SOON BE ____
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

FOR

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SNIFF HATCH GAMBLE WISDOM
Answer: What soap did Gary, AKA Batpig, use during his mudbaths? — HOGWASH

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KOHLI RUNS RIOT AS INDIA COMPLETE CLEAN SWEEP

Former skipper Virat Kohli and Shubhman Gill hit centuries, help the hosts trump Sri Lanka in third ODI on Sunday

KOHLI TON AGAIN AS GILL SHOWS CONSISTENCY

Kohli is in great form as he scores second consecutive century in the series. Although there has been a debate over dropping Ishan Kishan for Gill, the latter showed his mettle in this series. With a fifty in the first game and a hundred in the third, the Punjab batter stepped up and proved what he is capable of. He notched up a 97-ball 116.

CENTURY NO. 46 IN ODIS FOR VIRAT

- The version 2.0 of Kohli seems unstoppable as the 34-year-old smashed his 74th international hundred
- With his unbeaten 110-ball 166 on Sunday, Kohli went past Sachin Tendulkar's record for most number of ODI centuries at home (21) | **P11**

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SINCE HIS COMEBACK IN AUGUST, NONE HAS MORE TONS ACROSS FORMATS

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

5 INDIANS AMONG 68 DEAD IN NEPAL CRASH

4 of them from UP's Ghazipur & were planning paragliding in Nepal's lake city of Pokhara

YESHI SELI/ NAMITA BAJPAI
@ New Delhi/Lucknow

Deadliest disaster in 30 yrs

Yeti Airlines 9N-ANC ATR-72 aircraft took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport at 10:33 am

Crashed on the bank of Seti River between the old airport and the new airport minutes before landing. It was a new airport built under a Chinese soft loan and inaugurated two weeks ago

25 minutes: Flight time between Kathmandu & Pokhara

68 passengers and four crew members, including 5 Indians, 4 Russians, 2 Koreans, an Australian, a French, an Argentine and an Israeli, were on board the aircraft. Among the passengers were 3 infants, 3 children and 25 women

Rescue workers and civilians gather around the wreckage of the aircraft in Pokhara on Sunday | AP/PTI

WEATHER IN POKHARA WAS FINE AND AIRCRAFT ENGINE WAS IN GOOD CONDITION, YETI AIRLINES SAID

A Nepalese passenger plane carrying 72 people on board crashed on Sunday seconds before its scheduled landing at Pokhara International Airport, Nepal, killing 68 passengers, including five Indians, authorities said. The accident is said to be the worst in the country in over three decades.

The Yeti Airways ATR-72 aircraft (9N ANC) crashed into a river gorge while landing at the newly-opened airport in central Nepal's resort city of Pokhara, officials said.

The aircraft took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport at 10:33 am and crashed on the Seti river bank, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal.

The five Indians were identified as Abhishekh Kushwaha, 25, Bishal Sharma, 22, Anil Rajbhar, 27, Sonu Jaiswal, 29, and Sanjaya Jaiswal, 28, a Yeti Airlines official said. Four of them belonged to UP's Ghazipur.

The four had arrived in Kathmandu on Friday. They were planning paragliding in the lake city Pokhara.

The other foreign nationals on board included four Russians, two Koreans and one Argentinian, Australian, Irish and French. The remaining 53 were Nepalese.

The terrifying moments of the crash were captured on a video that went viral. Preliminary probes suggest technical reasons for the crash.

"Early indications point to a stall and VMC (visual meteorological conditions) roll. The VMC roll occurs primarily because a thrusting engine located on a wing decreases the stall speed significantly. Therefore, as airspeed decreases, a moment occurs when the wing with non-thrusting engines stalls, while the other wing continues to produce lift," an aviation expert told this newspaper.

It was victim Sonu Jaiswal, 29, who was doing a Facebook live video when the crash took place. He was a liquor merchant and had shops in Ghazipur and Varanasi.

Anil Rajbhar and Abhishek Kushwaha ran Jan Sewa Centres respectively at Zahoorabad and Alawalpur in Ghazipur while Vishal Sharma was a finance officer at a two-wheeler agency, said a police officer.

"Pained by the tragic air crash in Nepal in which precious lives have been lost, including Indian nationals. In this hour of grief, my thoughts and wishes are with the bereaved families,'' said PM Narendra Modi while extending his condolences to his Nepalese counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Prachanda. P9

Maintaining strong defence posture on LAC: Army Chief

MAYANK SINGH & AKNISREE KARTHIK @ New Delhi, Bengaluru

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has a word with Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande, on the 75th Army Day, at ASC Centre in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

THE Indian Army is maintaining a strong defence posture along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to tackle any contingency in border areas, said Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande on Sunday on the 75th Indian Army Day parade at Govindaswamy Ground in Bengaluru.

"In northern border areas, the situation has been normal and through established protocols and existing mechanisms, necessary steps have been taken to maintain peace. Maintaining a strong defence posture at LAC, we are ready to tackle any contingency," Gen Pande.

With the evolving situation along northern borders with China, the Army has taken several steps to improve capability development, force restructuring and training. Expressing confidence that India could win next wars, he said the Army has further strengthened its preparedness for future wars. "Our aim is to move from a manpower-intensive army to a technologically driven army. Continuous efforts are being made to transform ourselves into a modern, self-reliant, technologically driven and battle-worthy force. Modernisation through self-reliance will be our new mantra," Gen Pande said.

Indian Army must be future-ready: Rajnath

Addressing the 'Shaurya Sandhya' programme organised as part of the 75th Army Day celebrations on Sunday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set a target for the Indian Army to be future-ready by working on its strategies, tactics and policies, keeping future challenges in mind.

"With combined efforts of local administration, other agencies and military there have been improvements in infrastructure development," he said. Talking about the Line of Control, the Army chief said there has been a decrease in the ceasefire violations along the border. The Indian and Pakistan armies in February 2022 announced reiteration of ceasefire understanding along the LoC, he added.

However, he reiterated that the terror infrastructure still remains across the border. "Our counter-infiltration grid is continuously foiling the infiltration from there." P4

Forest dept's firelines trigger unwanted alerts

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE satellite-based technology, which has been put in place to send alerts in case of forest fires, has been misreading even controlled fires ignited by the Karnataka Forest Department to create fire lines, and has been sending repeated alerts. With the dry February approaching, the department is now praying for rain for relief.

Over the last two weeks, forest officials have been on their toes for two prime reasons -- one to ensure that the creation of fire lines in forest patches does not lead to any untoward incidents and the other is to send reports to Nasa and Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre (KSRAC) that there are no forest fires.

Satellites mark even a small fire as a red dot and send out an alert. If the alert is not addressed and the report not closed, the level of alert intensifies. Early last week at the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, alerts were sent for three consecutive days. But it was the forest department that was creating fire lines.

Every year, between December and January, the forest department takes up the work of fire lines, which are parallel or horizontal patches in forests, especially in dry deciduous areas. These patches are burnt to create gaps to prevent anthropogenic fires from spreading.

In the two prime tiger reserves of Bandipur and Nagarhole, the department has taken up the task in a 2,500 km stretch each.

Last year, 2,984 forest fires were reported, but officials said nearly 90 per cent of them were controlled burning. "While technology is required to give instant alerts, it is misleading and creates panic. Some experts who get the alerts too call us asking for details. The technology has helped us keep track of small forest fires that occur even in 1-2 acres. It has prevented major fires like the ones that occurred in Bandipur in 2017 and 2019, where 3160 hectare and 4570 hectare of forest was burnt down. In 2020 and 2021, Covid ensured zero movement of people in forests, so there were no incidents of arson. In 2022, only minor ones were reported. Also, the numbers were less as the state received unprecedented rain. We are praying for rain in January-end and February to prevent forest fire," said a senior forest official.

2ND IN INDIA

PM to lay foundation for mining school in Sandur in February

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE country's second and state's first School of Mining National College is likely to start its operations in Sandur taluk of Ballari district from the next academic year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to lay the foundation stone for the school in February.

Minister for Mines and Geology Halappa Achar told *The New Indian Express* that he is proud that the country's only second mining national college is coming up in Sandur. "It is the perfect place as it is rich in mining. I hope the construction of the college will start soon."

Sandur is one of the largest mining areas in the country and companies like JSW and NMDC are situated here. The first mining national college, Binod Bihari Mahto Koylanchal University (BBMKU), is situated at Dhanbad in Jharkhand.

A district senior officer said the university in Dhanbad has over 3,000 students. "It is a technical course and is similar to engineering fields like mechanical, electrical, and civil. In Karnataka, students who have written CET after their PU exams will be eligible for the course. It is a vast branch of engineering," he added. P4

EXPRESS READ

100 flyers on Air France flight stranded after emergency landing in Vienna

BENGALURU: Over 100 flyers on board an Air France flight from Bengaluru to Paris on Sunday, had to make an emergency landing at Vienna, Austria, due to a technical glitch. Most of the passengers on board the AF203 are on the way to the US or Canada, and opted to fly via Paris. They are now stranded at the airport for over 10 hours (as of 9.30pm IST) without food, water or information from Air France, they said. P2

From Palakkad to Poland: Cheers to Mallu beer

POOJA NAIR @ Kozhikode

"*Polandine patti oru aksharam mindaruthu*! (Don't utter a word about Poland!)." This is one movie dialogue that seared the name of the European country into the Malayali consciousness. Delivered by actor Sreenivasan's character in the movie *Sandesham*, it is still remembered for its light-hearted encapsulation of the unique political climate in the state.

Now, it could be Poland's turn to take notice of the Malayali. Imagine walking into a restaurant in the country and ordering a lager by the same name. This is the dream of **Chandra Mohan Nallur**, who developed a new brew and named it 'Malayali'.

Two months in, he has sold over 50,000 bottles and is now set to deliver over 5,000 litres of the 'Malayali' beer. The 38-year-old Palakkad native, director of the Chamber of Commerce in Poland, says the name of his first beverage reflects his love for his fellow Malayalis.

The Russian war in Ukraine played a major role in the birth of 'Malayali' beer. "I was trying to help an African friend who was struggling to sell five containers of rice flakes he had bought before the invasion. Because of lack of storage facilities, we decided to convert them into pet food, but dropped the plan due to strict regulations. We read about Komban beer, that was produced outside India, and found a use for the flakes," recounts Nallur. P7

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KARNATAKA NOT WORRIED OVER GOA KNOCKING ON SC DOORS, SAYS BOMMAI

Announces dedicated environment university for Sirsi, Rs 250 crore for development works

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

WITH just a few months remaining for the state government to complete its term, Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai on Sunday announced a big bonanza for Uttara Kannada district, especially Sirsi, including setting up of an environment university, a much-awaited multi-speciality hospital and Rs 250 crore for development works.

Bommai was on his maiden visit to Sirsi after becoming chief minister to attend a felicitation programme for Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri. While he was liberal on his announcements, he was aggressive on his reply over the Mahadayi project.

Speaking to media persons, he appeared not worried about Goa knocking on the doors of the Supreme Court over the river water diversion project. "Let Goa go to any place it wants, we need not be worried. We are working as per the directions of a bench nominated by the apex court. We will work as per the directions of the Supreme Court-appointed bench with regards to Kalasa Banduri," he said.

He added that Goa has already been to the Supreme Court and come back empty handed. "We have issued a notification as per directions of the bench appointed by the Supreme Court."

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the felicitation function for Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri at Sirsi on Sunday | EXPRESS

On the development front, Bommai announced a slew of projects for Sirsi, including a Rs 250-crore package and the setting up of a full-fledged environment university for which the budgetary allocations will be made this year.

"This varsity will come up in Sirsi, where forestry and horticulture colleges already exist. There is a need to study agriculture, biodiversity and wildlife protection. This varsity will boost the study of environmental impact on people and protection of wildlife," he said.

On the much-sought multi-speciality hospital, the CM assured people that the hospital will come up in Kumta and the foundation will be laid soon.

He also said cabinet expansion will be done as per instructions of the party high command.

Special packages for NK region in budget, hints CM

Hubballi: To give priority to development works, a special package will be allocated for North Karnataka in the upcoming budget, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking during his visit to Siddheshwar temple on the island of Unkal lake in Hubballi on Sunday, Bommai said he has held several rounds of meetings with the authorities concerned about what all should be done for the region. He refused to comment when asked about Panchamasali reservation and Santro Ravi.

Rs 200 crore earmarked for mining school

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"TALKS are on with Central and state government officials. Earlier, we had planned to start the college on the premises of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University in Ballari. But later, it was decided that the premises of a university-affiliated college in Sandur will be used," the officer added.

Another officer said the District Mineral Foundation is spending Rs 200 crore to construct the college. "It will have 300 staff, both teaching and non-teaching. The course will help students study about the mining industry and conduct research. In the coming days, students can also take up MTech and PhD here," he added.

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

Fan Munirathna wants Ratna for Sudhakar

With Karnataka going to polls in April/May, the political atmosphere is becoming curiouser and curiouser. Leaders are playing to the masses and bowing to the bosses. Health minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is said to be close to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, went ahead and conducted a week-long Chikkaballapur Utsav. Horticulture Minister Munirathna, who took the stage, waxed eloquent about his colleague. "Sudhakar, who contributed immensely during the Covid-19 pandemic, deserves 'Bharat Ratna'," declared Munirathna, who sailed in the same turncoat boat as Sudhakar to bag ministries in the BJP government.

Saturday night hangover on Sangolli event

A couple of inebriated men gatecrashed the Congress event to inaugurate a Sangolli Rayanna statue in Bengaluru on Sunday. As former CM Siddaramaiah rose to speak, one of them lurched up from his front seat and interrupted him loudly. Siddaramaiah tried to ignore him initially, but later requested that he be moved out. He also saw a plot in this, saying he had been sent by "some people purposely to disturb us". Police led him out, but he was back after a few minutes. When Congress leader HM Revanna was speaking, another drunk man had to be escorted out. Obviously, MLA N A Haris' organising team had not factored in that Sunday is a day to be merry.

Mysuru walkers now tread in fear

Morning and evening walkers in Mysuru have been told not to move alone and avoid walking in darkness, as chain snatchers are on the prowl at dawn and dusk. But with an increase in leopard movement and sightings of big cats on Ring Road and CFTRI school premises, walkers are now looking over their shoulders to spot them. Wild leopards had recently mauled a woman in T Narsipur and attacked two others, prompting people don jackets, monkey caps and mufflers, take a walk when the sun is up, and avoid the outskirts.

194 fake certificate cases booked, none convicted

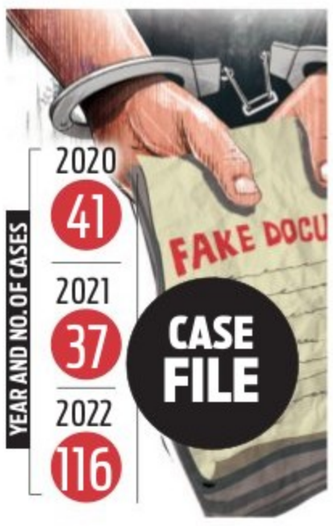
ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru:

IN the past three years, Karnataka has seen as many as 194 fake caste certificate cases, most of them to get jobs, or to avail of the benefits of education and election. Interestingly, not a single person has been punished for furnishing false caste certificates from 2020 to 2022, and many of them have gone to court to get a stay order.

People belonging to forward castes obtain 'false' caste certificates to avail of benefits like reservation in education and jobs. It is also misused by some politicians to contest polls. These caste certificates are issued by Revenue officials to people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities. However, there are people applying for caste certificates though they are not entitled to it.

According to documents available with The New Indian Express, in the past three years, the State registered 194 fake caste certificate cases, including 116 in 2022. Of these, more cases were registered in Kolar, Dharwad, Bidar, Bengaluru Urban and Rural and Shivamogga. According to information given by Social Welfare Minister Kota Shrinivas Poojari during the recent legislative sessions, 38 people have gone to court and got stay orders, and some of the cases are under investigation.

Poojari told TNIE that there is a central cell where one can complain against people who avail of fake certificates and use them for education, jobs or elections. The cell authority directs deputy commissioners, who conduct the probe. "In most of the cases, it is based on a complaint by others. The real beneficiaries would have lodged complaints as the person with a fake certificate would be a hindrance," he said. He, however, said the number of cases is decreasing over the past few years due to improved awareness.



NEW RECORD

Over 6L stretch out for Yogathon in state

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KARNATAKA on Sunday set a new record with over six lakh yoga enthusiasts participating in a Yogathon, all at the same time across various locations, including the Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru. The event was organised by the Department of Youth and Sports.

Sports Minister Narayana Gowda said the state broke Rajasthan's record, which had 1.6 lakh people practising yoga at the same time. He said that close to 6.5 lakh people performed yoga at one time in Karnataka, which is a world record. The minister took part in the inauguration of the Yogathon at the stadium, along with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Sunday

Yoga enthusiasts take part in the Yogathon in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Mysuru sets 1.5 lakh target for Yoga Day

Mysuru:Setting a target of 1.5 lakh people performing various asanas under one roof, the Mysuru district administration is planning to set another world record with this mass yoga demonstration on International Yoga Day this year. Speaking during the inauguration of a Yogathon programme held on race course premises on Sunday, former minister and Krishnaraja MLA S A Ramadas said yoga exponent Baba Ramadev will be invited this year to the event to break the previous word record of 1 lakh people. "Today, thousands of people braved the cold and gathered. We have set a target of 1.5 lakh people for this year's International Yoga Day which will be another record," he said. ENS

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Rajnath calls upon armed forces to be future-ready

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DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh set a target for the Indian army to be future-ready by working on its strategies, tactics and policies keeping future challenges in mind.

Taking part in 'Shaurya Sandhya' programme organised as part of the 75th Army Day celebrations at Army Service Corps & Centre here on Sunday, Singh said with advancements in technology, the challenges related to security are also growing. "Over the years, there has been a significant change in every field and security challenge has also witnessed change. The speed of change is increasing exponentially. Drones, underwater drones and artificial intelligence-enabled weapons are being used today. Latest technological advancements have increased the challenges as well. We must prepare for tomorrow, the day after, and for the next 25 years," he said, stressing that the armed forces have to keep pace with changing technology and leverage the same to enhance its capabilities and be future-ready.

Lauding the army's valour in ensuring the territorial integrity of the country, the defence minister recalled how the Indian army had defeated the morale of adversaries during the wars in the past and the recent incidents in Galwan and Tawang.

Asserting that the armed forces were playing a crucial role in the progress of the nation, the minister said due to the strength of its security system, India has become the fifth-largest economy in the world and emerged as a preferred and reliable investment destination. "In the last financial year, India recorded the highest-ever Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of $83.57 billion. We will be the third largest economy by 2027 and the biggest by 2047," Singh said.

Referring to the evacuation of Indian students from the war-hit areas of Ukraine, Singh said, "When there was an outcry to bring Indian students from Ukraine back, PM Narendra Modi spoke to Ukranian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin and ensured that the war was stopped for some time to facilitate the safe return of Indian students," he said.

Further, the minister said it was decided to celebrate Army Day in Karnataka to pay tribute to those from the state who laid down their lives during the freedom struggle. "Also, this is a tribute to Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who hails from Karnataka," he added.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande, Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lt Gen BS Raju, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh, senior military personnel and others took part in the event.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the ASC Centre during the 75th Army Day in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DAREDEVIL PERFORMANCES

The Military Tattoo had several daredevil performances such as a fly-past by Advance Light Helicopter-WSI, Army Aviation Helicopters and Microlight Aircraft of Army Adventure Wing, equestrian sports, Army Aviation Combat Demonstration and Special Team Operations, display of martial arts, sky diving, the performance of the ASC Motorcycle Display team 'Tornadoes', taekwondo and Para Motor display.

'Kashmiris welcome change'

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On the use of drones in the recent past to drop weapons and drugs along the international border in Jammu and Punjab, he said, "Counter-drone jammers and other equipment have been brought into use against such activities."

In interior areas of Jammu and Kashmir, progressive improvement has been observed but many proxy terrorist organisations have adopted new tactics of targeted killings to give themselves visibility, Pande added. "The local population has rejected violence and welcomed positive challenges by enthusiastically participating in all government initiatives," he added.

It is for the first time that the annual Army Day parade is held outside the national capital Delhi.

Priyanka in B'luru today, to boost Cong's poll outreach to women

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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Determined to wrest power from the BJP after the Karnataka assembly polls, the state Congress is going all out to woo voters, especially women. With Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to kickstart the party's campaign in Bengaluru on Monday, the state unit hopes to boost its reach to women who constitute over 2.5 crore, or 50 per cent of the total voters.

Priyanka will inaugurate the 'Naa Nayaki' (I am a leader) programme at Palace Grounds and unveil other poll-specific schemes for women. This also coincides with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai promising financial assistance to women to take care of their households in his budget, which he is likely to present on Tuesday.Over 10,000 women will take part in the event.

When AICC leader and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandh's Bharat Jodo Yatra arrived in Karnataka, his mother Sonia Gandhi participated in the Old Mysuru Region. Priyanka was expected to be in Ballari for the samavesha, but she did not turn up.

Now, after a long gap, she will come to the state which is incidentally home to AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge as his prestige is at stake.

Cutouts of Priyanka Gandhi at Palace Grounds | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Cong women for more tickets

Karnataka Pradesh Mahila Congress president Dr Pushpa Amaranath, former ministers Umashri and Rani Satish said they will appeal to Priyanka to ensure that more women get party tickets in the upcoming assembly polls. "As many as 109 women have applied for 74 constituencies and we demand the tickets for thirty of them at least," said Pushpa.

BJP meet today to focus on Karnataka elections

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

POLL-bound Karnataka will be the focus of discussions at the BJP National Executive meeting at the NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi on Monday and Tuesday. An elaborate road show leading up to the venue has been planned for Monday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former CM B S Yediyurappa, National General Secretary C T Ravi, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, state BJP president Nalin Kateel, and state BJP Organising General Secretary G V Rajesh are heading to Delhi for the meeting, where National General Secretary (Organising) B L Santosh is expected to participate.

Sources said Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to hold detailed meetings with the Karnataka team for information on poll preparedness. Important issues like reservation for Panchamsalis, the party's strength in Old Mysuru and organisational strength is also expected to come up for discussion. While it is true that nine states are headed for polls this year, BJP's big worry will be Karnataka, which is the only state in the south where it is in power.

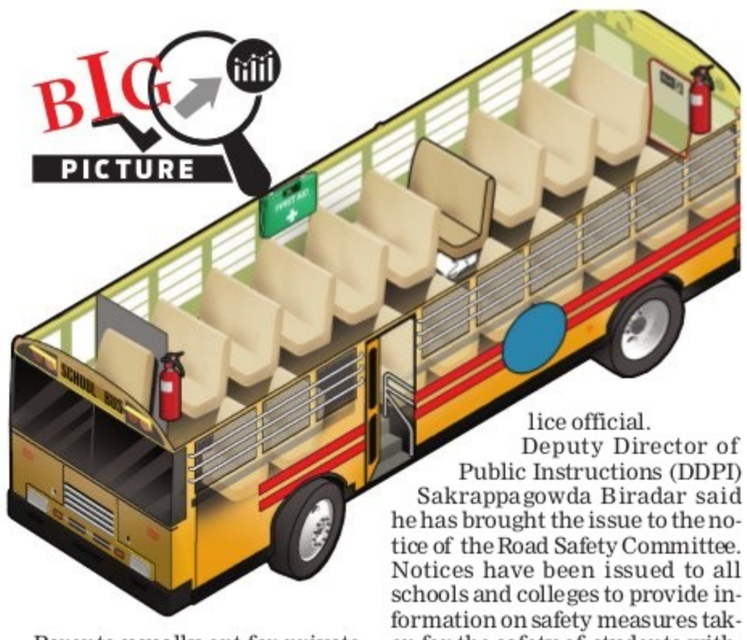
EXPRESS READ

Siddu launches book on Gandhi

Bengaluru: Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday released a book 'Ellara Gandhi' penned by Bengaluru University professor Dr Nataraj Huliyar. He also unveiled a statue of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna in Shantinagara assembly constituency and garlanded the statue of philosopher and Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar in Ulsoor. Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah, who was a guest at the 850th birth anniversary of Siddarameshwara at Tiptur in Tumakuru district, gave it a miss on Sunday. ENS

The Mysuru police will request the court to hand over rape accused Santro Ravi to police custody for further investigation. Police Commissioner Ramesh B said they will request the court for police custody after producing Manjunath alias Santro Ravi before the court on Monday

RISKY RIDE TO SCHOOL & BACK



TEAM TNIE

THE recent untimely death of a four-year-old student who was flung out of her school bus in Bengaluru has once again brought into focus the safety of children travelling to and from school. Small children have been run over by the very buses they alight from, and school buses have been involved in accidents, putting children at risk.

Often, school buses park on residential roads, and cause traffic jams on arterial roads, sparking complaints from the public. All this and more has kept school transport in focus in cities across Karnataka. While the government has put in place a number of rules regarding school buses, the safety factor continues to cause concern as there exists little or no regulation.

Parents who are unable to personally drop their children to schools rely on outside support and make use of transport provided by schools or dedicated government buses, or resort to private services. School transport, though expensive, becomes the best option as reliance on government services means that not all routes are covered, and students might have to make the rest of their journey on foot or find a second means of transport. This makes private transport popular, as it is cheap and reliable, despite the safety concerns.

It's a common sight to see white tempos doubling as school vans, and mini vans and autorickshaws packed with schoolchildren. While they portray a happy memory of childhood, they also underline the need for stricter regulations and guidelines in the transportation of children.

These issues are common in all districts in the state. In Hassan, only a few reputed educational institutions own and have sufficient transport facilities. Prominent institutions also tend to give better service that satisfies parents by appointing experienced drivers, conductors and assistants to take care of them. The vehicles are also well-maintained, mitigating the risk factor.

A maximum number of schools in the district leave it to parents to either ferry their own children or use private vehicles like mini vans, autorickshaws or multi-utility vehicles. These vehicles have only drivers, and no assistants or cleaners to accompany the children. It means that if the driver is negligent, it could result in children sustaining minor and major injuries while boarding or alighting, and parents are anxious until their children return home.

Interestingly, the five-seater Maruti Omni is the preferred mode of transport and constitutes the bulk of private vehicles transporting children in Hassan. Nearly 65 Maruti Omnis and over 35 autorickshaws are part of the pick up and drop private service in Hassan city. The driver often has to accommodate around 15 children in a van, which puts them in danger.

Parents usually opt for private vehicles or autorickshaws as they are affordable, but do not take precautions like asking about seating capacity, despite the dangers of suffocation in a crowded vehicle.

Suma, a parent, has criticised schools for not having their own transport facilities, stating that private vehicle drivers are usually in a hurry to drop off children and do not pay attention to their safety. She said this issue is also compounded, as there is no bus facility for children in most city extensions.

Overcrowding and rash driving

In Kalaburagi, though there is said to be no threat to children in school buses, children are at risk in private vehicles. On January 9, a goods vehicle in which students were returning home from Mahagaon town to their native Madaki Thanda, turned turtle, leaving 22 children in Class 9 and 10 injured. Though 20 children were sent home, two are still undergoing treatment.

Most villages in the district do not have bus facility to transport children. Government schoolchildren have to depend on private vehicles like autorickshaws and goods vehicles, and their lives are at risk, says Madivalappa, a resident of Madaki village.

The story is the same in Kalaburagi city. While most private schools have their own buses and take safety measures, many autorickshaw drivers make a good business out of ferrying children to school and back. Each autorickshaw carries no less than eight children, and though such autos are involved in accidents, no complaints are registered, says a police official.

Deputy Director of Public Instructions (DDPI) Sakrappagowda Biradar said he has brought the issue to the notice of the Road Safety Committee. Notices have been issued to all schools and colleges to provide information on safety measures taken for the safety of students within a fortnight, he said.

In Belagavi district, most private schools which have bus facility to transport students, do have a caretaker to ensure the students are safe. Karu Wagh, in-charge of transport at St Paul's High School, Belagavi, told TNIE, "Following the instructions of the principal, we started the school bus service for students and teachers, who were facing transportation problems, especially during the pandemic."

Anil Patil, a parent of two schoolchildren, said that overloaded autorickshaws ferrying school children were a common sight until one such autorickshaw overturned, injuring five children at Sadashiv Nagar in 2019. Police cracked down on such vehicles, and now, most autodrivers have stopped packing children into their vehicles, Patil said.

Fate of govt schoolkids

In Kodagu, the fate of government schoolchildren remains unchanged, private schools have vans that are regularly monitored by the school management, and students who attend government-aided schools rely on private vehicles and autorickshaws. These private vehicles are white-board vehicles and function only on the basis of trust from parents. There is no proper system in place to monitor private school transport. Meanwhile, a majority of students in rural parts of Kodagu depend on buses for transport, and walk to school from bus stops.

Experts blame the absence of a child protection policy and negligence by the RTO for the lack of child safety measures in transportation of children in most schools in Dakshina Kannada. Renni D'Souza, president of Child Welfare Committee, Dakshina Kannada, says that while issuing permits, the RTO must make sure the guidelines such as maintenance of vehicles is regular.

"Schools should have guidelines on the safety of children, especially during transportation, as per the Child Protection Policy. Under this policy, schools having buses and other vehicles to pick and drop children must ensure children are safe. There should be proper parking facilities by the school administration but school buses, vans and autorickshaws pick up and drop children by the roadside. Most schools do not have parking facility either. There should be guidelines for bus and van drivers and children should also be aware of them. A woman staffer should be appointed and there should be a competent person to manage children's transportation," Renni said.

Experts say that timings of routes on which these school vehicles move is also making travel hectic. "Due to delay, drivers overspeed and try to reach school on time, and making children hurriedly alight and enter campus with a lot of anxiety and panic. The school management must ensure children are picked up early and reach school on time. The school administration must not assume that children who are outside the school premises are not their responsibility," Renni added.

"Many vehicles are overcrowded, and children are at risk. The public should be observant and inform police or the authorities concerned to resolve the issue," a Childline official said.

An incident that occurred in 2016 in Udupi has prompted some level of safety in tranportation of children. The lives of eight schoolchildren were snuffed out after their school bus collided with a private bus near Hemmady, Kundapur. The incident put the Udupi district administration on alert, and now, more attention is being paid to make sure school buses are driven safely.

Though in most cases, school bus drivers do not cross the speed limit, some do drive rashly. Harish R, a parent, said the school administration should regularly reorient drivers of school buses to pay attention to safety, otherwise negligence will take over after a period of time.

Udupi DDPI Ganapathi K told TNIE that orientation for drivers of school buses is held in the district with the police department. "We insist that CCTV cameras are installed inside school buses to ensure children are safe," he added.

Inputs from Donna Eva (Bengaluru), Divya Cutinho (Dakshina Kannada), Ramakrishna Badseshi (Kalaburagi), BR Udaya Kumar (Hassan), Tushar A Majukar (Belagavi), Prajna GR (Kodagu), Prakash Samaga (Udupi)

FESTIVAL TIME

A bull and its handler jump over fire during Makara Sankranthi festival at Siddalingapura near Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Teacher sacked after video clips with student surfaces

Belagavi: A school management sacked a teacher after an intimate video of him with a minor student went viral on the social media at Nandgad police station limits. According to sources, the teacher used to make the girl stay in the school alone even after school hours. The teacher had made videos of the intimate moments with her and the videos went viral on social media a few days ago. ENS

Olive Ridley nesting starts at Odisha's Gahirmatha district

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SPORADIC nesting of the endangered Olive Ridley turtles has started at Gahirmatha in the district.

On Saturday night, around 20 turtles laid eggs at Nasi-1 and Nasi-2 islands within Gahirmatha marine sanctuary. Forest range officer of Gahirmatha Manas Das said more turtles will arrive at the beach to lay eggs in the coming days.

Forest personnel are on high alert to protect the turtles and their eggs from predators like dogs, jackals, wild boars and birds.

The Forest department has set up hatcheries at Agarnasi, Pentha, Madali and Babubali beaches. The

forest guards are collecting eggs from pits and putting them in hatcheries which have been covered with plastic nets.

Officials of the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) have switched off bright lights at the integrated missile testing centre in the nearby Abdul Kalam island for safe arrival of the turtles at Gahirmatha.

Das said the sporadic nesting of turtles indicates that the mass-nesting or arribada would start within a month.

The government has banned fishing in Gahirmatha for seven months from November 1, 2022 to May 31 this year to save the endangered marine species. "We have arrested 240 marine fishermen and seized 30 fishing vessels for violation of norms since November 1. We have also seized fish worth ₹35 lakhs from them," he added.

At least 5,01,157 turtles had laid eggs at Gahirmatha marine sanctuary from March 25 to 28, 2022.

XPRESS FOCUS

Curiosity Pays: Researcher Develops E-Bricks from Electronic Waste

Passionate about Science, Dr Navyashree realised from the beginning that one of the biggest asset in the conquest of knowledge is to nurture an understanding mind and an inexorable curiosity to drive the thought process. Having earned her bachelor and masters degrees in physical sciences from Tumkur University and a doctor of philosophy in physics from REVA University, Bengaluru, Dr. Navyashree made a key discovery early in her career as a researcher.

Considering that recycling and disposal of e-waste involves significant risk to the health of people and informal processing of e-waste in developing countries leading to adverse human health effects and environmental pollution, she developed a method of using electronic waste as a coarse aggregate in making e-bricks, a VGST-funded project that she carried out with fellow researchers. This work was groundbreaking and gained much attention.

"Due to the complexities involved, there are very few efficient ways to date to reuse electronic waste. My particular research was intended to reuse electronic waste in the form of coarse aggregate in making concrete bricks. The concrete bricks were tested for stress and strain, those values were in accordance with Indian civil standards. This was vital because this method was proven to be the most efficient way to reuse e-waste in a constructive manner," she says.

Today, Dr. Navyashree is well recognised internationally in the field as a foremost expert. Since her early work, she has continued to contribute to the field through numerous seminal research publications, which have featured her development of unique applications of vanadium pentoxide nanomaterials, such as dye degradation, LED materials, and forensic fingerprint applications.

She has presented her research findings at various leading national and international conferences. She has held a life membership in prestigious science associations, namely the Indian Physics Association (IPA) and Material Research Society of India (MRSI) since 2016.

Recently, she was granted a patent from the government of India for the uniqueness of her work, entitled 'A method for synthesizing a composition for a light-emitting diode light'.

Her PhD was conferred by REVA University in the year 2020 for her novel thesis, entitled 'Structure, morphology, and photoluminescence properties of rare-earth doped V2O5 nanopowders and applications', under the guidance of Dr. Sunitha D.V.

Dr. Navyashree incorporated plant-based fuels replacing fossil fuels as part of her green chemical synthesis techniques.

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Man advises relative to take care of wife, murdered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 32-year-old Tempo Traveller driver was stabbed to death, while another was attacked by a relative after he was advised to take care of his wife. The incident took place in Soladevanahalli police station limits.

The deceased was identified as Keshavamurthy. The injured, Kallesh, is undergoing treatment in hospital. Police are on the lookout for the accused, Bharat, who works in a garment factory.

Police said that Bharat's wife, who is related to Keshavamurthy, had complained to him that her husband did not come home regularly or take care of her. On Friday night, Keshavamurthy and Kallesh met Bharat and advised him to take care of his wife.

Later, they went to a bar and restaurant in Chikkabanavara, where they consumed alcohol.

After coming out, Keshavamurthy again asked Bharat to look after his wife well, and an enraged Bharat pulled out a knife and stabbed both of them before fleeing.

"The injured were admitted to hospital, where Keshavamurthy died on Saturday afternoon. Kallesh is recovering and we have taken up a murder case and are on the lookout for the accused," the Soladevanahalli police added.

EXPRESS READ

3 Nepal plane crash victims were returning from Kerala

Pathanamthitta: Three Nepal men, who had visited Pathanamthitta to attend the funeral of Anicadu-native Mathew Philip, were among the many who were killed when their flight - ATR 72 of Yeti Airlines - crashed near Pokhara on Sunday. "We learned that Raju Thakur, Rabil Hamal and Anil Shahi, natives of Pokhara in Nepal, were killed in the plane crash. They, like my brother, were evangelists there," said 71-year-old Thomas Philip, brother of Mathew Philip (76). Five of Mathew's friends from Nepal had arrived on Friday morning. Of them, two were deboarded in Kathmandu. The others were on their way to Pokhara. ENS

Major fire mishap in Timber Yard Layout

Bengaluru : A major fire broke out at Timber Yard Layout in Byatarayanapura on Saturday night. As the fire spread to four shops, fire and emergency services personnel had a tough time dousing the fire and the operations continued for more than 20 hours. Officials from the Department of Fire & Emergency Services said that the fire broke out at a plywood shop in the layout at 11.30 pm on Saturday. As many as 23 fire tenders were pressed into service and over 100 fire personnel tried to douse the fire. "The fire was completely put off after an operation of six hours," an official said. No casualty was reported. ENS

EDITORIAL

Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently

Maya Angelou

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— Ramnath Goenka

EMERGING FROM CHINA'S IMPORTS GRIP IS A LONG-TERM PROCESS

The latest data released by the China customs department shows India's trade deficit with the country breaching $100 billion for the first time in 2022. This is a blow to India's Atmanirbhar Bharat goals, especially with ongoing geopolitical tensions between the two countries. Dependence on Chinese imports continues to increase despite the government's push for manufacturing in the country. The inability to reduce China's influence often gets voiced in the call for a boycott of Chinese goods. But contrary to the narrative, rising imports may not be all that bad.

Most imports from China are intermediate goods used by Indian manufacturers. The recent surge in Chinese imports is mainly due to the Indian manufacturing sector showing signs of a pickup. A sharp rise in chemicals and engineering equipment, including electrical and non-electrical instruments, is driving a large part of the imports growth from China. They are used in the manufacturing sector here. Cheaper Chinese goods are also powering India's green transition, digital economy, and even the latest real estate and construction boom. Any attempts to throttle the flow of these goods from China will only hurt manufacturers in India. There are risks of an increase in inflationary pressure if the government tries high tariffs as an option to reduce imports from China. Of course, it raises concerns that these imports continue to grow at a healthy pace (at 22% in 2022) even as exports to China shrink (at 38% in 2022). But there are no shortcuts to reducing dependence on them. It will require a long and sustained policy boost to empower Indian manufacturing. At the same time, the government will need to look for alternative suppliers for many important raw and intermediate goods from China.

The good thing is India is not alone in looking for alternatives. The whole world is now talking about the China Plus One strategy and looking for better alternatives to China. The Indian government is also trying hard to emerge as an alternative. However, until then, the government should adopt a pragmatic approach of using trade with China to bolster manufacturing in the country. Of course, we can only hope to reduce the Chinese influence, but any thoughts of obliterating the economic might of a country like China is, at best, a wild fantasy.

GENOCIDE PROBE AGAINST PERU PREZ

When an attorney general launches a genocide probe against his country's president and cabinet ministers, it could be laudingly read as an indicator of a matured democracy or simply his fallout with the ruling establishment. Or both. Given the flawed democracy that Peru is, where a deadly power struggle since last month has already left over 40 anti-government protesters dead, its top law office appears to have moved to a rebel camp while putting the government on the dock. The nation is convulsing under waves of protests by followers of deposed president Pedro Castillo demanding to snap national polls. Left-leaning Castillo lost power in December last year after his attempt to dissolve Congress and rule by decree failed. The Congress instead impeached him and elected vice president Dina Boluarte as successor. Castillo has had a running battle with the Congress, whose two earlier attempts to impeach him had failed, hence his disastrous self-coup in December. He was arrested immediately and sentenced to 18 months of pre-trial detention. Yet, he has managed to lead the rebellion from prison.

To curb street violence by Castillo's supporters, the new government gave unbridled powers to the army, which led to firing on protesters and the needless loss of lives. Deploying soldiers for law enforcement with the licence to kill has always ended badly, as the bloody crackdown against the uprising in Sri Lanka last year showed. Besides those killed in Peru's firing, 355 protesters and 176 police officers were reported injured. Boluarte seems to have misjudged Castillo's popular grassroots support in the country's rural south while taking coercive action to crush the agitation. Without a popular mandate, she struggles to come to grips with the law and order situation. While she has refused to resign, her political capital is shrinking as quite a few ministerial colleagues have deserted her. Rejecting Castillo's call for immediate polls, Boluarte said she is prepared to advance it to April 2024 but not earlier.

Power struggle is not new to Peru. It has had as many as six presidents and three parliaments within the last five years. The country also has the highest Covid death rate in the world. It accentuated livelihood issues and poverty, one reason for the popular anger on the streets. The need of the hour is to restore peace and explore snap polls while withdrawing draconian powers from the armed forces and making democracy work.

QUICK TAKE

PUBLIC, PRIVATE SURVEILLANCE

As many private cameras as public CCTVs dot Indian cities today. Can the police see private CCTV data to detect crime in areas sans public surveillance? There's a paradox here. Citizens protest *intrusive* state surveillance. But they're upright citizens when they share equally *invasive* private camera data with the police. The two need reconciling. For instance, the new data protection bill has 'deemed consent' for accessing data where national interest is concerned. But provisions for accessing and using private data and punishment for misuse are equally vital. Focus on citizen-police relations as tech blurs lines between public and private surveillance.

The charge that the BJP is "anti-pluralist" must be treated with contempt. It is a veiled charge levelled against India

QUESTIONABLE RATINGS BLAME MORE, ANSWER LESS

A SURYA PRAKASH

Former Chairman of Prasar Bharati and scholar of democracy studies

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The Economic Advisory Council of the PM recently released a case study of three opinion-based indices—Freedom in the World index by Freedom House, EIU Democracy Index, and Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM). The paper, which is the first official study of these indices, has raised serious doubts about the methodology applied by these think tanks and their conclusions ever since Narendra Modi became prime minister in 2014.

The paper says that these indices are based on subjective factors such as assessment of governance, political stability, rule of law, etc., in addition to various economic indicators. The other deficiencies are: "There are serious problems with methodology"; the conclusions are based on the opinion of a "tiny group of unknown experts"; lack of transparency on the choice of experts; and choice of questions which are "subjective and worded in a way that is impossible to answer objectively". It is authored by Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the Economic Advisory Council, and Aakanksha Arora, its Deputy Director. Among the institutions mentioned, V-DEM has defended its findings and argued that its surveys are well thought out. Staffan Lindberg, Director of V-Dem, has, in an interview to website *Article 14*, defended V-Dem's analysis and methodology but most of his explanations are far from satisfactory.

For example, V-Dem does its ratings based on the opinion of a handful of experts. When it rates democracy in India—a nation of 1400 million people—it does not do so on an opinion poll with a sizeable number of respondents. Its conclusions are based on the opinions of a handful of people—just 30 to be exact. Further, after posing a series of questions to these experts, many of which can elicit only subjective answers, the Director claims the institution's analysis is based on "high math"!

One of the major failings of V-Dem and other institutions which put together these surveys and ratings is the secrecy they maintain about the "experts" who are hired to give inputs for their survey.

Lindberg has said that they work with experts from 180 countries and that disclosure of the identities of experts could cause harm to the experts and families. But, when just 30 experts dish out opinions and V-DEM—based on their inputs—concludes that India is slipping into "electoral autocracy", how can we attach any credibility to this conclusion?

Unless we know who these experts are, what their academic and professional standing is and more importantly, what their political background and motivation is, the conclusions will always be suspect.

Pointing a finger at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), V-Dem has classified India as an "electoral autocracy" and said that "anti-pluralist" parties are driving the agenda of autocratisation in at least six nations—India, Brazil, Hungary, Poland, Serbia and Turkey. One does not know about other nations, but certainly no Indian party which has some standing and electoral support, including the BJP, can be accused of being "anti-pluralist".

This accusation is simply laughable in the Indian context because any political and social scientist can see how India's social diversity has contributed substantially to political diversity, leading to the mushrooming of small caste, language and region-based political parties across the land. In fact, the Second Lok Sabha (1957–62) had MPs belonging to 12 political parties. Four decades later, it had ballooned to over 40 political parties. Since the 1980s, India has seen the emergence of the Janata Dal, the Janata Dal (Secular), the Telugu Desam, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, the YSR Congress, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Biju Janata Dal, the Trinamool Congress, and dozens of such other parties which have emerged in various states. Many of them, like the TMC or the BRS, have secured massive electoral support in state assembly elections.

Secondly, the national parties like the BJP and the Congress have recognised the presence and influence of these diverse political entities and made them part of their electoral alliances in many elections and many states. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance itself has 15 parties at last count and 329 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 110 members in the Rajya Sabha. Although the BJP is the dominant party, the smaller parties, specially those with influence in the smaller states, do matter.

Therefore, the charge that the BJP is "anti-pluralist" must be treated with contempt. In fact, this is a veiled charge levelled against India more than a political party because it seeks to hide the phenomenal diversity in the nation's politics which ensures representation of diverse communities in democratic bodies.

As a result, over 40 political parties who are part of various coalitions govern India's 28 states and two union territories with assemblies. This is indeed a celebration of democracy and diversity, but V-Dem or any of the other western institutions which dishes out these ratings will never acknowledge it.

V-DEM and other such institutions also fail to acknowledge that full-fledged democracies ought to rest on strong foundations, as enshrined in the Indian Constitution, such as equality before law and the equal protection of the laws (Art. 14); non-discrimination clause (Art. 15); Republic form of government, where the head of state is elected and not part of a protected blue-blood species (the preamble of our Constitution); freedom of conscience and worship (Art. 25) and strong minority rights (Art 25, 26, 29, 30).

For example, since India is a Republic, individuals from even highly marginalised and impoverished communities can become the head of State. Recent examples of individuals from such backgrounds holding the high office are the current incumbent Droupadi Murmu and former president Ramnath Kovind. But, for Sweden, Denmark and other such nations which are maintaining their monarchs on public expense, republics do not matter. They are not central to democracy.

Further, even more shocking is that their ratings show dozens of Islamic and Christian States (which constitutionally declare their adherence to Islam or Christianity) way above India, which is a secular State. India does not have a State religion. In fact, Article 28 of the Constitution prohibits religious instruction in any educational institution funded by the State.

This writer had raised these issues over two years ago when V-Dem and Reporters without Borders sought to condemn India and place it low in the list of democratic nations. But, since these think tanks are agenda-driven, they refuse to answer these questions.

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THE LAKE OF LOTUSES AND THE *YAKSHA'S* QUERY

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FAITHLINE

To hopefully cheer you up in this terrible cold wave that's shrouded half the country, I would like to retell a charming, lesser-known *Jataka* that warms the heart. It tells us that the rules go back a long way about not only doing the right thing but being seen to do the right thing. It's the strangely familiar story of Prince Subhash, meaning 'well-spoken' and Prince Shashi, meaning 'the moon'. They had a younger step-brother called Prince Ravi, meaning 'the sun'.

Prince Ravi's mother, quite like the grievously misled Queen Kaikeyi of the *Ramayana*, wanted her son, Prince Ravi, to be king. To put pressure on the king, she stalked off to the *kopa griha* or anger room, which every palace and mansion was once equipped with. The anger room was the designated rage or sulk corner. When you were hopping mad you did not disturb the peace and order of the household by enacting nasty, vulgar scenes. Instead, ancient Indian etiquette required you to retreat to work it off and eventually resume normal, polite behavior. Whoever had upset you duly came by to make up, for they knew the rules too. This code of behavior aimed at maximum damage control and also at keeping family spats private without spies and witnesses.

But unlike Raja Dasharatha, this king sternly said 'No' to the queen's improper demand. Fearing, however, for the safety of his elder sons, he told them to go live in the forest until he could send for them. Shocked but obedient, Prince Subhash who was the Bodhisattva or Buddha in a previous birth, and Prince Shashi, took off their fine muslin clothes, ate a last good dinner and slept on their fine beds one last night.

They were gone before daybreak and made their way to the vast forest of *saguan* or teak trees across the River Ganga, carrying only their weapons and a few useful tools. Trailing them was their brother Prince Ravi, who had discovered what his mother had been up to in the anger room. Prince Ravi loved his brothers and was horribly embarrassed by his mother's schemes. He kitted himself out like his brothers and went after them unobserved. When he caught up with them, he fell at their feet and begged pardon, making it clear that that it was none of his doing, and insisted on going along.

Wandering north, the three princes reached the Himalayan foothills. They entered a lovely forest of sal trees and spotted a lake shimmering in the distance. Prince Ravi, still somewhat on the backfoot, besides being the youngest and obliged by good manners to wait on his elders, offered to fetch water in leaf cups. When he made it to the lake, the thirsty and tired prince took a running jump into the lake's cool waters. Just as in the *Mahabharata*, the lake's resident *yaksha* or spirit sprang out and caught him in its sharp claws.

"Answer my question or I won't let go of you," it growled without preamble, but after all, *yakshas* are not known to be overly nice in these matters. "Very well," stammered the prince.

File Picture

> The *yaksha*, which had been lying in wait behind a fat clump of lotuses and smacking its lips, looked him up and down, taking his measure. Figuring that this prince was not easy prey, it assumed the form of a villager

"What is the teaching of the gods?" thundered the *yaksha*. The prince quaked, "The sun and the moon" at random, which, of course, was the wrong answer. So the *yaksha* locked him away in a cave to be eaten later.

After some time Prince Shashi came to the lake, also splashed in without a look, and was promptly taken captive. His equally random and incorrect answer to the *yaksha's* query was "The four directions". Into the cave he went to join his brother.

Not long after, Prince Subhash came looking for his brothers. Being the smart prince, he looked around carefully and saw two sets of footprints going into the lake but none coming out. So he went around the lake with his sword drawn, looking for clues.

The *yaksha*, which had been lying in wait behind a fat clump of lotuses and smacking its lips, looked him up and down, taking his measure. Figuring that this prince was not easy prey, it assumed the form of a villager and accosted the prince politely with offers of food and drink.

"You must be the *yaksha* of this lake. What have you done with my brothers?" said the prince coldly. Shocked at being found out so quickly, the *yaksha* explained that it was empowered to eat any human being who entered the lake without knowing the right answer to its question 'What is the teaching of the gods?'.

"That's a very basic question," snapped the prince, justly annoyed by the impertinence of it all.

"But you have to answer. Nobody got it right," said the *yaksha*, miffed at being put in its place by a mere mortal.

"Good deeds bring glory. Bad deeds bring shame," said the prince, with a weary air of indulging someone who was not very bright.

"Hmpf. Clever, aren't we? So choose one brother," said the wily *yaksha*, secretly delighted by this exchange which was a refreshing break in the monotony of its easy life.

"Prince Ravi, of course, because he's my step-brother, and everyone will say we killed him otherwise," said Prince Subhash.

Deeply pleased by this proof of common sense and self-preservation, the *yaksha* let the prince have both his brothers back. After that they all had jolly times with nice swims, picnics and campfires. The *yaksha* told the best and funniest stories for it was really very travelled and had only accepted lake duty as a retirement plan. These merry days went on until the royal messengers found the princes and took them home, much to the *yaksha's* disappointment.

The meddlesome queen was dispatched on a long pilgrimage south of the Vindhya Mountains. The king, as he had planned all along, swiftly had Prince Subhash installed as the *yuvaraj* or crown prince, and put the kingdom firmly on track; and the *Jataka* continues to shed its light.

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Governor with a motive

Apropos of *The case of the intractable governor* (Jan 14). It is unfortunate that most governors act as mere agents of the Central government. This impression is not imaginary, but a fact. The recent tussle between the TN governor and the state government showed that the governor has no interest in the well being of Tamil Nadu. The columnist illustrates this fact very well in his column.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Govt, guv must end skirmish

Apropos of *The case of the intractable governor* (Jan 14). Both the government and the governor have blown out of proportion the issue regarding 'Tamizhagam'. People feel like the post of governor is like walking on a razor's edge. For the people's good, both parties should reconcile.
S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

All are to blame

Apropos of *The case of the intractable governor* (Jan 14). By blaming the governor, the columnist seems to have given a clean chit to the CM, his government, and others. The conduct of some of the legislators even before he could commence his address in the assembly flouted procedural norms. Pointing a finger only at the governor is wrong.
V Venkatasubramanian, Chennai

Tribute to Netaji

Apropos of *Netaji relative asks govt to rename Army as INA* (Jan 14). As an Indian, I strongly support Chandra Kumar Bose's request to bring back Netaji's remains from Renkoji temple. As the nation is going to celebrate his birth anniversary on January 23, doing this would be the best tribute!
Prasanna P, Tiruchy

Independent judiciary a must

Apropos of *State organs must cease fire to avoid constitutional chaos* (Jan 14). One cannot find fault with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar when he pleads for Parliament's absolute legislative powers. But the judiciary needs to be totally independent. The Supreme Court's striking down of NJAC Act in 2015 has to be seen in that perspective.
Geetha B K, Mangaluru

Food creating chaos

Apropos of *Unwanted food debate at Kerala Arts festival* (Jan 14). Those who raked up the controversy over the food served at the festival might have scored a pyrrhic victory, but in the whole discourse, God's own country's image has taken a beating. Will the people of Kerala ever learn to separate the chaff from the grain, and stop creating controversies where none existed?
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi

Bravery, patriotism and sacrifice - every soldier of our army is full of all these. Happy Army Day to all jawans, ex-servicemen and their families.

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur

We are proud of selfless service spirit of the brave soldiers of the Indian Army who are ready to sacrifice their everything for the defense of the country.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury

Gross abuse of ecology by BJP govts, both Centre & State for promoting profit maximisation of its cronies has destroyed Nature to create a devastating crisis in Uttarakhand.

Attrition plagues ITBP amid tension at LAC

Young officers at the crucial post of Assistant Commandants are leaving the force due to harsh working conditions

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

AT a time when the Line of Actual Control with China is witnessing heightened tensions, the Border Guarding Force, ITBP, deployed along is plagued with major issues. The trained young officers at the crucial post of Assistant Commandants (ACs) are leaving the force at the first opportunity and there is no sign that this is going to peter down soon.

The factors responsible for this are lack of promotion avenues, harsh work environment and increasing adhocism.

"People joining disciplined uniformed force for a qualitative work environment are facing an unremunerative environment leading to dissatisfaction, compelling them to seek opportunities out of the force," said an officer.

There is stagnation in the force. The officers recruited in 2012 remain at the same rank whereas they should have been getting ready to become Second in Command (2IC) which would have been the second promotion. An AC becomes DC in five years and Deputy Commandant in next five years. As per the normal promotion a Direct Entry officer becomes 2IC in 10 years. Being stuck as the ACs has its own downsides as, "We are looked down upon by the seniors as an AC of nine years' service and are treated just like a newly- recruited ACs."

This trend of attrition is accentuating the problem for the operational units in terms of quality and supervision. "With officers leaving work has to be distributed among the remaining officers of the unit thus affecting the quality and supervision work," added the officer.

One of the most serious issues is that trained and experienced officers are leaving, triggering a void. The trend of leaving the force is catching up with those who have joined in recent years. The data also reflects an "unscientific approach" in recruitment of the Direct Entry officers. "The intake is unscientific where in a few years there are no intakes at all and then there is sudden intake in large numbers." This could be easily solved with staggered intake, every year, as the numbers of people retiring and seats getting vacant are generally known to the personnel department, he added.

Factors responsible for attrition are lack of promotion avenues, harsh work environment and increasing adhocism | ANI

Depletion of officers over the years

Notification year	Selected Officers	Joined & Completed Training	At Present
2011 (20th Basic Course)	89	71	60
2012 (21st Basic Course)	28	16	9
2013 (22nd Basic Course	120	88	66
2014 No vacancy	00	00	00
2015 (23rd Basic Course)	52	30	19
2016 (24th & 25th Basic Course	28	20	15
2017 No vacancy	00	00	00
2018 (26th Basic Course)	53	42	36
2019 (27th basic Course)	27	22	22

POWER GAMES

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Mission 2024

EX-CM, FILM STARS, NGOs FUEL KCR'S NATIONAL PLAN

Former Odisha chief minister Giridhar Gamang met Bharat Rashtra Samithi chief and Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Friday at Hyderabad. Gamang was invited by KCR to join his party and set up its unit in Odisha. KCR has established contact with dozens of political leaders, non-government organisations, film stars and other celebrities to set up BRS units in at least 10 states before the next Lok Sabha elections in 2024. The party has contacted the farmers' organisations that led the 13-month agitation on Delhi's borders against the three farm laws of the Union government. Sources say KCR is planning to have a presence in seven states — Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, besides Telangana. Sources said KCR plans to field as many as 80 Lok Sabha candidates in 2024. The party is planning to hold a press conference soon in the national capital to announce its grand plans for the coming general elections.

S400, Courtesy: Russian Ministry of Defence

Payment Problems

RUSSIA SENDS TEAM TO DISCUSS MOUNTING DUES

Russian President Vladimir Putin's trusted lieutenant Sergey Chemezov, who is the CEO of Russia's military-industrial behemoth Rostek, was in India last month. India and Russia have been struggling to sort out payment issues. India imports huge amounts of crude and military equipment from Russia. The sanctions imposed by the western countries on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine have disrupted the existing payment mechanisms. The two countries have since explored various options, including the opening of Vostro accounts, etc. But the issue has not been resolved and Indian dues to Russia have piled up. Sources said the Russian team has said that mounting dues may affect future supplies from Russia. Among the key military imports from Russia that may get affected because of the payment problems is the S400 air defence system. India had bought five units of S400 long-range air defence system for about Rs 40,000 crore. Two batteries comprising missile launchers, a command control station, tracking radar, surveillance radar, support vehicles and 80-100 missiles of four types per battery have arrived. Three more batteries are pending delivery. The S400 is considered to be one of the most advanced air defence systems in the world. The first squadrons have already been deployed in Punjab along the Indo-Pakistan border.

Penultimate Polls

EC SETS THE BALL ROLLING FOR STATE ELECTIONS

In the last year before the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the people of India will choose nine new state governments. This will indicate the mood of the nation in the run-up to the general election next year. The first batch of three states — Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya — have to elect a new government before the middle of March when the terms of their assemblies expire. Karnataka government's term ends two months later in May. Sources said the election commission may not club Karnataka with the three northeastern states. The commission has already undertaken the summary revision of electoral rolls in these four states and the final electoral rolls for the three northeastern states have been published, and that of Karnataka will be published next week. The high-level EC team visited the three northeastern states and expressed satisfaction regarding their poll preparedness. Top EC officials are likely to visit Karnataka soon. According to sources, the EC may announce election dates for the three northeastern states as early as next week.

Vaishnaw: Hurling stones at trains won't mar PM's 'developed India' dream

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
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PEEVED at some recent incidents of stone-pelting on the Vande Bharat trains, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made an appeal on Sunday to some political parties to stop instigating such elements for such unlawful act.

Speaking to the media, Vaishnaw said: "I want to appeal to the political parties that instigate such elements to throw stones on Vande Bharat trains to stop such unlawful act. The dream of PM Modi's transformative vision and dream of making India as developed country cannot be stopped by throwing stone on the Vande Bharat trains," he said.

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> Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Minister

Recently, incidents of stone-pelting were reported from Bihar, West Bengal and in some other parts of the country. Most of such incidents reportedly involved rowdy elements.

He said that the railway line that connect culture and diversity of the country through services. "But some people are who don't like the progress of India, The action will be taken as per the law against whosoever are found involved in stone-pelting on Vande Bharat trains," he said. He said that Vande Bharat is now being discussed and written about in 18-19 countries. "In coming days, the Vande Bharat train will be exported to other countries," he said.

Speaking about the 8th Vande Bharat train, he said that such train has come as a 'Makar Sankranti' gift by the Prime Minister to Telangana and AP people. He said that when efforts are being made to divide society, PM Modi is working without taking rest even for a day to unite everybody for making India as a self-reliant nation. He also said that Secunderabad railway station will be developed into a world-class station on the lines of those in Germany, Japan and France.

Vande Bharat symbolises new India's capabilities: PM

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually flagged-off the Vande Bharat train service between Secunderabad in Telangana and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. "Vande Bharat is a true replica of India which is coming out of the mentality of dependence and moving towards Atmanirbharta (self-reliance)," the PM said before flagging off the train.

Noting that the new trains will connect the culture of Telangana and AP, Modi said, "Vande Bharat symbolises new India's resolution and capabilities."

"Vande Bharat is a symbol of New India's capability and resolve. It is a symbol of India which has chosen the path of rapid development," Modi added. The PM said seven Vande Bharat trains have covered the distance of 23 lakh kilometres, equivalent to 58 rounds of earth. More than 40 lakh passengers have travelled in Vande Bharat trains so far, he added.

After virtually flagging off the country's 8th new Vande Bharat train between Secunderabad in poll-bound Telangana and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday ,the PM said that 7 Vande Bharat trains so far lunged in India have covered the cumulative distance of 23 lakh kms ferrying over 40 lakh passengers. The PM said that many railway stations reflect the image of modern India. "Work done in the last seven to eight years will transform the Indian Railways in the coming seven to eight years," he said.

Prior to 2014, Telangana had a budget of less than ₹250 crore for the Railways which has now increased to more than ₹3,000 crore. This train will be the eighth Vande Bharat Express to be introduced by Indian Railways and will be the first one connecting the two Telugu-speaking states. It will cover a distance of around 700 km between Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam in eight-and-a-half hours. "This Vande Bharat Express symbolises that India expects everything to be the best. This Vande Bharat Express symbolises India which wants to give better services to every citizen of its country," he said.

PM Narendra Modi (inset) speaks during the flagging off ceremony of Vande Bharat Express train connecting Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam. (Main pic) Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw rejoices as the train chugs | PTI

Goyal warns of strict action against graft as CBI holds raids in FCI scam

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

WHILE the Central Bureau of Investigation conducted nearly 100 raids in connections with a multicrore scam involving procurement, storage and distribution of food grains in several pockets across India over last week, involving official of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), Union Minister of Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal on Saturday warned of strict action against institutions or individuals indulging in corruption and asked for speedy transformation of the institution.

Speaking on the occasion of the 59th Foundation Day of the FCI, Goyal directed all senior officers of the department to keep an eye and take strict action against erring corrupt officials. He also asked officials of his ministry to closely monitor and ensure speedy transformation of the FCI and Central Warehousing Corporation. He directed officials to file a transformation status report on a fortnightly basis. Stating that the recent CBI action was a wakeup call, he asked the senior FCI and department officials to adopt a zero-tolerance towards corruption.

The CBI so far has raided about 99 locations under "Operation Kanak" against the unholy nexus of channelised corruption adopted by FCI officials, private rice millers and grain merchants by way of paying undue gratification to certain officials of the FCI for getting undue favours. The agency made seizures of around ₹5 crores so far including cash and FDR from locations in north as well as south India.

The searches were conducted at Rup Nagar, Sangrur, Morinda, Bassi Pathana Fatehgarh Sahib, Mohali, Gurdaspur, Barnala, Mansa, Bathinda, Sunam, Budlada, Mohali (all in Punjab); Ambala, Gurugram (in Haryana); Kolar, Chikkabalapur (in Karnataka); Chennai (Tamil Nadu), New Delhi, Chandigarh etc. in the premises of several private and government officials including the Executive Director of FCI, Sudeep Singh.

While several people were taken into custody, a case was registered against 74 accused including 34 serving and 3 retired officials of FCI, 17 private persons and other entities etc. The CBI alleged that a huge amount of bribe was paid to FCI officials for extending favours to the private nexus operators.

It was further alleged that private rice millers and grain merchants were paying bribes to FCI officials for getting favours in accommodating procurement of low quality foodgrains, malpractices in day-to-day operations in unloading of foodgrains, managing enquiries against various malpractices, etc.

> **It's (corruption allegations) a wake-up call for the organisation and no one found involved in corrupt practices will be spared. The FCI will follow the principle of zero tolerance for corruption**
>
> Piyush Goyal, Union Minister

ALL CHILLING

People sit around a bonfire to warm themselves during a cold winter morning in Gurugram | PTI

Founder Nallur eyes more beer markets

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"GRADUALLY, a Polish restaurant approached us to produce our craft beer, which had been gaining popularity. The smoothness of our drink had people talking. Making a new brew was never an easy task. It was on the third try that the ingredients fell into place," he said.

His partner in the venture is also a Malayali, Sargheve Sukumaran, a branding expert. Little India Group, a distributor of Indian products in Poland, has come forward as a distributor. Nallur, who pursued schooling and graduation in Kozhikode, and earned a master's in international business and politics from Spain, is now working on taking his drink to more countries.

Oppn says EC plan on remote voting machine sketchy, objects to move

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AT least sixteen AT least 16 opposition parties came together on Sunday and objected to the Election Commission (EC)'s proposal of the remote electronic voting machine for migrant voters, saying it is sketchy.

The Opposition meeting discussed a joint strategy to be adopted at the January 16 meeting called by the EC to demonstrate RVM to the representatives of political parties.

The meeting, chaired by the Congress, was attended by JD (U), Shiv Sena, National Conference, CPM, JMM, RJD, and PDP, among others. The TMC and AAP were conspicuous by their absence.

> **There are concerns about whether RVM is a standalone machine or it's connected to net, who are manufacturers supplying the chip and who is giving software**
>
> Digvijay Singh, Congress leader

Congress leader Digvijay Singh told reporters that though SP and NCP were not present in the meeting due to unavoidable reasons, they had shared their views.

"All political parties unanimously opposed the RVM proposal because it is sketchy and the proposal itself is not concrete. The definition of the term migrant labourer and the number of such labourers are not very clear," said Singh.

Those who participated include RJD MP Manoj Jha, JMM's Vijay Hansda, CPI general secretary D Raja and CPM's Nilotpal Basu. Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal also attended the meeting.

The EC has sought written views of political parties by January 31 on the issue.

Singh said the parties would meet again on January 25 and written replies would be submitted either jointly or separately by January 31.

Raja said parties that were present at Sunday's meeting would attend the EC meeting on Monday. "Without taking the parties into confidence, the EC cannot take any decision unilaterally," he said.

SUCIDE ATTEMPT

A man and his son were arrested for allegedly attempting suicide at a relative's house in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district, police said on Sunday. The incident took place in Ugapur market area under Aurai police station limits.

2 HELD FOR POSSESSING COUNTRY-MADE REVOLVER IN THANE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	11	Mumbai	29	18
Bhopal	24	7	Panaji	28	20
Jaipur	19	5	Patna	18	7
Amritsar	14	2	Lucknow	17	5
Chennai	29	22	Port Blair	30	22
Kolkata	27	13	Imphal	23	4
Srinagar	3	9	Chandigarh	17	5

With Tripura deal done, Cong aims big

Party looks to revive its fortune in other poll-bound NE states such as Meghalaya, Nagaland

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AFTER sealing an alliance with the CPM in the run-up to the Assembly elections in Tripura, the Congress is looking to revive its fortunes in the other two poll-bound states, Meghalaya and Nagaland, where it has been relegated to the margins.

The assembly elections to the three North-Eastern states Tripura, Meghalaya, and Nagaland are slated to be held from mid-February to March this year.

The elections to the three states will be crucial for the grand-old party as it will be the first state elections to be held after the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra concludes on January 30. Though the Congress claims that the yatra was not associated with elections, the results will be seen as a referendum on the political impact of Rahul's walkathon.

To combat the mighty BJP, the Congress has made a strategic move this time — to ally with old rival CPI(M) in Tripura. In 2018 assembly polls, the Congress' vote share plummeted to less than two per cent from 37 per cent in 2013.

Speaking to TNIE, AICC Tripura in charge Dr. Ajoy Kumar said that the party is confident of winning the election and forming a government. "Our talks with CPM on seat sharing are underway. The ruling BJP is on the back foot and it's evident from the way BJP president J P Nadda attacked us. Incidents of political violence and anti-incumbency will work against them," said Kumar, adding that both Congress and CPM are negotiating with Pradyot Kishore Debbarma-led TIPRA Motha party for an alliance.

The Communist Party of India-Marxist and the Congress have announced that they will fight the Tripura assembly elections together

In Meghalaya, the party faces an uphill task. Though Congress emerged as the single-largest party in the 2018 state elections, securing 21 of the 60 assembly seats, the BJP outplayed the Congress and formed a government with the help of the National People's Party (NPP) and others. Since then, a series of desertions of its legislators to TMC and NPP has left the party with zero members.

However, MP and Meghalaya Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Vincent Pala is hopeful that the party will return to power despite the setbacks. "I admit that senior leaders have jumped the shift to other parties. But people are watching. They won't elect them back," he told this newspaper. Pala claimed that the 2018 crisis was brought about by former Congress veteran Mukul Sangma, who was hostile toward the idea of allying with regional parties.

Twelve MLAs, led by former CM Mukul Sangma joined the TMC last year, while some of them switched to other parties. Analysts say that the Congress High Command failed to act upon the frosty working relationship between Sangma and Pala. A dominant force in the past, the Congress in Nagaland is now decimated without a single member in the 60-member assembly.

The state Committee Congress (NPCC) president K Therie said that the party's campaign will focus on the failure of the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party- BJP combine to deliver a political solution to the Naga conflict. "The party will tie up with like-minded political parties to form a secular front," he said

Pilot rallies from Jan 16 set to revive tension in Raj Cong

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

CONGRESS leader and former deputy CM of Rajasthan Sachin Pilot will be holding a series of public rallies starting from January 16 in four divisions of the state. This is the first time, Pilot will be seen on a public platform after his ceasefire with CM Ashok Gehlot before Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra entered Rajasthan.

'Pilot to hold kisan sammelans'

Pilot will hold kisan sammelans in Marwar and Shekhawati. Pilot is starting the show of strength on January 16 with a kisan sammelan at Paratbasar in Nagaur district.

As a result, there are chances of another tussle brewing up in the Rajasthan Congress before the budget session that begins on January 23.

While ahead of the budget session, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is going to conduct a Chintan Shivir with all his ministers on January 16 and 17, Pilot is ready to enter the ground in Rajasthan. He will go directly among the public, and take feedback on the government.

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All focus is on what Pilot will say in these meetings, and how the Congress and, especially, the Gehlot camp will react to Pilot's effort in election year. Clearly, ahead of the budget session of the state assembly, Rajasthan could well see another round of political drama in the ruling Congress.

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UP cops' 'Naatu-Naatu' twist to road safety

While RRR's song 'Naatu Naatu' cast a spell and won the Golden globe, it gave fodder to UP Police for a quirky twist to spread the message of road safety. They tweeted, "The nominations for Golden Glob(al) rules of #RoadSafety; #Naatu, Kabhi red light skip kare; #Naatu, Kabhi tripling kare; #Naatu, Kabhi drunken driving kare; #Naatu, Kabhi traffic rules tode". The tweet garnered over 50,000 views, 1,500 likes, and 400 retweets. UP cops are running a month-long road safety campaign from January 5 to February 4 to highlight the importance of safe driving. UP Police has given many such creative twists.

Doctors on collision course due to shortage

The Government doctors are on a collision course with the UP health department over the proposal for raising the retirement age of the medicos. Proposing to the director-general medical and health (DGMH), to raise retirement age from the present 62 years to 65 years, to meet shortage of doctors. The letter written by Provincial Medical Service Association (PMSA), the body of government doctors, to the DGMH, mentions that the proposal is based on the assumption that due to retirement of senior doctors there is a scarcity It is due to delay in promotion of doctors at level one and two.

A musical sojourn on banks of Sangam

"Chalo Man Ganga Yamuna Teer" — the cultural extravaganza is set to enthral devotees on the sandy banks of Sangam in Prayagraj after a sabbatical of two years from January 18. The 10-day event draws artists from across the country to showcase their regional culture by taking the devotees participating in 'Kalpwas' during ongoing month-long Magh Mela on a musical sojourn. After two years of hiatus, the cultural stage is set to witness folk/tribal dances, folk songs, light and classical music and various dance forms. The event would begin with the blowing of the conch shell.

Joshimath residents to intensify stir against NTPC power plant

NARENDRA SETHI @Joshimath

DISTRAUGHT with the events unfolding over the last few days, residents of Joshimath are increasingly blaming the government agencies for mismanagement of the "manmade disaster" that has led to the land subsidence in the Uttarakhand town. Pressing their demand of closure of the Tapovan-Vishnugad project of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), the local people have now decided to stage a dharna to 'gherao' the officials and shut down the tunnel work from Republic Day onwards. Wardwise programmes will start from Tuesday as part of the protest.

'PMO officials visit affeted areas'

Senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office and the state government are constantly visiting the affected areas to assess the damage caused by the natural calamity in the strategically important mythological town of Joshimath.

Unhappy with the government's decisions and calling the rehabilitation efforts inadequate, the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti is spearheading the movement against the NTPC project.

"Now that evidence has been received, NTPC is solely responsible for this tragedy of Joshimath and destruction of its cultural heritage. So compensation should also be recovered from NTPC," Sangharsh Samiti convenor Atul Sati said.

Adding that the Joshimath tragedy has gone out of the hands of the Pushkar Singh Dhami government, Sati says that the central government should take swift action to resolve the issue at the earliest. The committee members also say that since the matter of displacement is being discussed, rehabilitation of Joshimath residents should be done on the lines of the areas around the Tehri Dam.

They have also expressed anguish over the manner in which relief cheques were being distributed with "photographs of people laughing being a cruel joke on the disaster victims".

'BLACK LAW'

BJP demands rollback of NSA invoked by C'garh govt

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE BJP came out strongly against the Congress government's decision to invoke National Security Act (NSA) demanding that it should be rolled back as the "move will push the state into an emergency-like situation". The opposition on Sunday also declared that the BJP will bring a stringent anti-conversion law if voted to power in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Announcing to launch 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' (public awareness campaign) against the state government taking a recourse to the NSA, the BJP national vice-president Raman Singh said, "We strongly disapprove such decision to invoke NSA in the state. BJP will strongly confront it to make the state government withdraw the black law".

The home department issued a notice on December 28 asking the district magistrates to exercise the powers under section 3 of the NSA 1980 from January 1 to March 31 to deal with any threats to communal harmony and any action detrimental to law and order situation in the state.

Massive Gujarat victory signals Modi's win in '24 elections: Shah

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat Assembly election results have given the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's victory in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday. He also attacked the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party, saying, "This time, the Congress people came with a new look, and some new people from Delhi also came, but the BJP won with a thumping majority."

Shah made the remarks while addressing the public during the inauguration of various development projects in Gandhinagar. He added: "The Gujarat Assembly election has not only been important for the state but it has also significantly delivered the message from Kashmir to Kanyakumari that PM Modi will be the PM in 2024 as well," he said.

Shah also thanked the voters of Gandhinagar and said, "The seat of Gandhinagar north was not BJP's, but now you all have voted for the BJP. Hence it is my responsibility to complete all the works of this constituency."

In the recent Assembly elections in 2022 in the home state of Modi and Shah, the BJP broke previous records of electoral performance. The Congress finished a distant second with 17 seats while AAP, the new electoral entrant in Gujarat, won five seats, and the Samajwadi Party won a lone seat.

Earlier in the day, on the occasion of Army Day, Shah also paid tribute to the defence personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country. "Indian Army is synonymous with courage. Numerous Army personnel have sacrificed their lives to protect our borders, our flag, motherland and people. On Army Day, I offer my shradhhanjali to all the known and unknown Army personnel who have sacrificed their lives," he said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Gujarat State India Scout Guide Association's training centre and accommodation in Ahmedabad on Sunday | EXPRESS

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G20's 2-day Think20 meet begins in Bhopal today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE city of lakes, Bhopal is set to host from Monday, the two-day Think20 meet (T20) — which is considered the 'think tank' or 'idea bank' for the larger G20 summit. The prestigious G20 event, which comes close on the heels of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) and the MP Global Investors Summit held recently in Indore, will be G20's first event in Madhya Pradesh.

Addressing the pre-event on the eve of the two-day-G20 T20 meeting, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, India's chief coordinator for India's G20 presidency in 2023 and Prof Sachindra Chaturvedi, the DG of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), said the two-day brainstorming by international and Indian resource persons will lead to the release of 'The Bhopal Declaration' at the conclusion of the meeting on Tuesday evening.

Emanating from the two days' discussions, the Bhopal Declaration will serve as an important basis for the subject matter of the actual G20 Summit slated later in the year in New Delhi.

The Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Centre in Bhopal

'T20 meet to host prominent philosophers'

T20 – the official engagement group of the G20 nations — will bring together leading think tanks and research centers worldwide. "Earlier T20 meetings were dominated by economists, but this time, the meet will also see the participation of prominent philosophers, including Prof Doris Schroeder, who is the Director of the Centre for Professional Ethics at UClan," Prof Chaturvedi said.

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The meeting with the guiding theme, 'Global Governance with Life Values and Wellbeing: Fostering Cooperation in Framework, Finance and Technology' will comprise five plenary and ten parallel sessions.

The plenary sessions over the two days will cover Life, Values and Development Transformation, Financing Resilient Infrastructure and Sustainable Transition towards Life, Towards Inclusive G20, Role of Triangular Cooperation in Localization of Sustainable Development Goals and New Complementarities in Trade and Value Chains.

Among the ten parallel sessions, one of the sessions will be dedicated to Investing in 'Children: Investment in Future', while there will also be sessions on Ethics in Technology and Going Beyond GDP: Wellbeing Measurement.

The meeting will be attended by 300 participants, including 94 international participants (mostly from the G20 nations), 115 participants from outside MP and around 100 participants from Madhya Pradesh.

Besides the G20 nations, international participants will represent three South Asian nations, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal, 21 African nations and four guest countries. Representatives of UNICEF and UNDP will also participate.

Soren set to frame new recruitment rules ahead of J'khand budget session

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JHARKHAND government is set to formulate new recruitment rules of Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) ahead of the Budget session of Jharkhand Assembly, keeping the court order into consideration. Notably, the Jharkhand High Court on December 16, 2022, had scrapped the 2021 recruitment rules for JSSC, under which, only the students who have passed 10th and 12th examinations from the state were eligible for recruitment.

Notably, angered over the scrapping of recruitment rules 2021 by Jharkhand High Court, students all over the state had taken to streets alleging Hemant Soren government put their future in the dark by formulating an anti-constitutional recruitment rule and organised a march to 'gherao' Jharkhand Assembly during the winter session.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren, however, had assured them that his government was committed to giving employment to the youths of this state, saying that they are serious over the issue and will find out an alternative very soon. According to sources, compulsion of passing class 10th and 12th for the candidates appearing for grade III and IV jobs will be removed. Urdu was also included in the list of regional languages in 2021 recruitment rules, which is also likely to be removed, they said.

Keeps promise

- The Jharkhand HC on December 16, 2022, had scrapped the 2021 recruitment rules for JSSC,
- The rule said only the students who have passed 10th and 12th examinations from the state were eligible for recruitment
- Angry students had organised a march to gherao the state assembly during winter session
- CM assured students of an alternative, said he was committed to providing jobs to youths of the state.

"Looking at the all round anger from different parts of the state as students are taking to the streets holding the state government to putting their future in dark for deliberately formulating an anti-constitutional recruitment rules in the state, the state government has decided to formulate a new one, removing all those points against which the Jharkhand High Court raised questions," said a senior official in the state government. All efforts are being made to bring it before the Budget session of Jharkhand Assembly to avert any further embarrassment for the government, he added.

The official informed that basic criteria, which were termed unconstitutional by the Jharkhand HC, will be removed. Sources claimed that the new recruitment rule will also have some criteria related to 1932-khatiyan to check outsiders from entering government jobs in Jharkhand. Notably, JMM's partner, Congress has been building pressure to formulate the policy soon to ensure youths do not have to go outside looking for jobs.

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Killed and a dozen others wounded in a suspected extremist attack at a church in eastern Congo

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	1	-9	SNY	Los Angeles	16	7	TDS
Colombo	30	23	TDS	Melbourne	29	20	SNY
Dhaka	25	12	SNY	Moscow	-2	-2	HR
Dubai	26	14	SNY	New York	8	0	SNY
Houston	24	17	LC	Singapore	31	23	TDS
Istanbul	10	5	SNY	Toronto	1	-1	SNY
London	5	-3	LC	Washington	11	4	SNY

TREACHEROUS TERRAIN HAMPERS INITIAL RESCUE EFFORTS

Locals took out 10-12 people first, but fire made the rescue difficult

KATHMANDU

THE TREACHEROUS terrain on the banks of the Seti River hampered the initial rescue efforts by local villagers who rushed to save the 72 passengers on the crashed Nepalese passenger plane, an eyewitness said on Sunday.

At least 68 people were killed when a Yeti Airlines passenger plane with 72 people onboard, including five Indians, crashed into a river gorge while landing at the newly-opened airport in central Nepal's resort city of Pokhara on Sunday, officials said. Arun Tamu, a local, whose house was situated near the site of the plane crash, recounts the chain of events following the latest aviation disaster that hit Nepal.

'We heard a loud sound, and when we rushed to the scene (of the crash), we were the only people from the village. It took some time for the police to arrive at the scene, even as we began our rescue efforts,' Tamu was quoted as saying by MyRepublica newspaper.

Relatives of a passenger who was on board the crashed plane at the Kathmandhu airport in Nepal on Sunday | AP

Tamu said he and the rest of the villagers initially tried to douse the fire from the wreckage by bringing buckets of water. 'We also took out 10-12 people, two of them seemed to be short of breath,' the report quoted him as saying.

The rescue efforts were hampered because the airplane had crashed on treacherous terrain on the banks of Seti River, making it difficult for the villagers to go near the site of the crash, Tamu recounted. 'It was difficult to go to the place where the plane had crashed,' he said.

'We are not likely to jump into the fire either. Also, there is risk of being swept away by water as the plane had fallen on the bank of the Seti River. There was an overgrown bush, and we were afraid that we would fall in the gorge while trying to rescue people,' he explained. Tamu conceded that rescue efforts were ramped up only after the police arrived.

Meanwhile, the Nepal government has instructed concerned authorities to conduct a technical inspection of all domestic flights after Sunday's air crash. The cabinet meeting held in Baluwatar to assess the situation after Yeti Airlines' 9N-ANC ATR-72 aircraft crash also formed a five-member investigation commission under the leadership of former aviation secretary Nagendra Ghimire to probe the accident.

The Council of Ministers emergency meeting also announced a public holiday on January 16. The Pokhara International Airport has been closed for Monday. *PTI*

Deaths from strike on Ukraine tower rise to 29

DNIPRO

THE death toll from a Russian missile strike on an apartment building in the southeastern city of Dnipro rose to 29 on Sunday, the local government reported as rescue workers scrambled to pull survivors from the rubble.

Emergency crews worked through the frigid night at the multi-storey residential building, the site of the worst casualties from a barrage of Russian strikes on Saturday on Ukrainian cities. The attacks, which also targeted the capital, Kyiv, and the northeastern city of Kharkiv, ended a two-week lull in Moscow's widespread strikes on Ukraine's power infrastructure and urban centers.

Emergency workers clear the rubble after a Russian rocket hit a multistorey building in Dnipro, Ukraine | AP

Russia fired 33 cruise missiles on Saturday, of which 21 were shot down, according to Gen. Valeriy Zaluzhny, the commander-in-chief of the Ukrainian armed forces.

In Dnipro, workers used a crane as they tried to rescue people trapped on upper floors of the apartment tower where about 1,700 were living. Some residents signaled for help with lights on their mobile phones.

The Dnipro city government reported on Sunday afternoon that at least 72 people were wounded and 43 people were reported missing. It said 39 people were rescued so far.

Ivan Garnuk was in his apartment when the building was hit and said he felt lucky to have survived. He described his shock that the Russians would strike a residential building with no strategic value. "There are no military facilities here. There is nothing here," he said. "There is no air defense, there are no military bases here. It just hit civilians, innocent people." Dnipro residents joined rescue workers at the scene to help clear the rubble. Others brought food and warm clothes for those who had lost their homes.

"This is clearly terrorism and all this is simply not human," said Artem Myzychenko, a resident. Claiming responsibility for the missile strikes across Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry said on Sunday that it achieved its goal. "All designated targets have been hit. The goal of the attack has been achieved," a ministry statement said. *AP*

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
W.P.(C). 35575 of 2022
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Petitioner:
The State Bank of India,
Represented by its Assistant General Manager, Stresses Assets Management Branch (S.A.M.B), 2nd Floor, Office Complex Building, Local Head Office Campus, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru. PIN - 560001.

2nd Respondent
M/s. Blue Rose Agro Plantations Private Limited, Represented by its Director Smt Ankur Batra, World Trade Centre, 22nd Floor, Unit No.2201/A, Brigade Gateway, Rajaji Nagar Extension, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, PIN – 560077.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the above 2nd respondent that the above Writ Petition (Civil) is posted for hearing **on 01/02/2023**. If no appearance is made on behalf of the Company through its Authorized Signatory or through an Advocate or through someone who is authorised to represent the Company in the Writ Petition, it will be heard and decided ex-parte in the absence of the Company.
Dated this the **11th day of January, 2023.**

Sd/- JAWAHAR JOSE
ADVOCATE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement mode only)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-71(23)/22-23/10724 Date: 13.01.2023

KPTCL invites bids against enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/EPR-40, Date: 12.01.2023** for the work of **"Complete replacement of gasket, hot oil spray and nitrogen purging & sludge removal of NGEF make Sl. No. HT1316/1150 Transformer-1 at 66/11kV Attur Yelahanka-station coming under TL&SS Division Hebbal on Partial Turnkey Basis"** pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tender can be got by logging on or after **18.01.2023** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission(Maintenance),BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL,
Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH-3)
P & SC No: 863/2022

BETWEEN
Sri. Dr. Arvind Desai
S/o. Late Dr.P.R.Desai
Aged about 70 years, Residing at:
No.6A, Kumaracoot Layout, 2nd Cross, Madhavanagar, Bangalore. **Petitioner**
AND:
NIL : Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this Court under Section 276 R/w 278 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate and letter of administration in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule held by Sri. Parmeshwara, who expired on 22/12/2013.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader, duly instructed on 16th Feb 2023 at 11 a. m.; inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.12/1, 12/2, 13, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 42 & 43 measuring 168.06 Acres, situated at Srigandhada at Srigandhada Kaval Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 3rd day of January 2023

By Order of the Court
Assitant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:
Mr.V.Balakrishna, Advocate.
G-1, Royal Manor, # 70/1, SRT Road, [Cunningham Road],
Bangalore 560 052.
Mob: 9448068077

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EE(E)(O)/AEE(C)/22-23/56118-22 Date:11.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL Invites tender (item-wise) through e-procurement portal in Two cover system for the following civil works.

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/75 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Reconstruction of collapsed security fencing with allied works at 66/11 kv S/S Ganjigere in Mandya district(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 8.62 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category)**
(2) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/76 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Extension to control room building at 66/11 kv S/S Mandya(Call-2) Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 10.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category)**
(3) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/77 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** Construction of new compound wall including heightening the existing compound wall towards colony side at 66/11 kv S/S Mandya(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(4) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/79 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Extension to control room building at 66/1 kv S/S Srirangapattana (Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 10.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(5) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/80 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Repairs colony road/Providing asphalted road with allied works at 66/11 kv S/S K.R. Pete in Mandya dist(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 20.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(6) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/81 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Erection of pumpset at newly drilled borewell with allied works at 220/66/11 kv S/S Doddarayapate(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 5.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(7) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/85 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Providing air conditioners at 220 kv control room at Huygonahalli(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 8.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(8) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/86 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Providing air conditioners at 220 kv control room at Tubinakere. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 8.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for ST Category).**
(9) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/87 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Construction of compound wall to the substation and vacant land at 220/66/11 kv R/S Doddarayapete(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 20.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(10) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/88 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Construction of compound wall to the front side of the subdivision office at 66/11 kv S/S Yelanduru(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 10.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(11) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/91 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Extension to control room building at 66/11 kv S/S K M Doddi(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 10.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for ST Category).**
(12) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/93 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Extension to control room building at 66/11 kv S/S Devanur Mysuru(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 12.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(13) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/95 Dt:15.11.2022(Call-2)** for Extension to control room building at 66/11 kv S/S Hebbal Mysuru(Call-2). Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 12.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(14) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/106 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of RCC road, compound wall with allied works at 66/11 kv S/S Maddur. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 30.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for ST Category).**
(15) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/107 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of RCC road, cattle guard and RCC drain at 66/11 kv S/S D K Maidana, Mysuru. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 35.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(16) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/108 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of compound wall to the balance portion vacant land towards northern side at 66/11 kv S/S Vijayanagara Mysuru. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(17) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/109 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of compound wall in place of detoriated boundary fencing at 66/11 kv S/S Dattagalli Mysuru. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(18) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/110 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of security compound wall in place of detoriated security fencing at 66/11 kv S/S K.H.B Mysuru. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**
(19) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/111 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of periphery compound wall at 66/11 kv S/S Santhemaralli, Chamarajanagara taluk & Dist. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 27.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(20) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/112 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of compound wall to the substation and vacant land at 66/11 kv S/S Doddarayapate. Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for SC Category).**
(21) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TCM/CIVIL/113 DT:10.01.2023** for Construction of compound wall to the sub station and vacant land at 66/11 kv S/S Doddindvadi. Approximate Amount put to tender (Inc of GST): **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs. (Reserved for Others Category).**

Class of Contractor : for Sl. No. 1 to 13 : **KPWD Class-IV and above contractors.** for Sl. No. 14 to 21 : **KPWD Class-III and above contractors.** The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyper link **"e-Procurement"** OR **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11:00 Hrs. of 18.01.2023.** More details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavan, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007. Ph: 0821-2455018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Smt.SWARNA SHANKAR, W/o.Late.N.S.Shankar & others desirous to sell the under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office at No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, within 15 days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential corner property bearing BBMP khatha No.885/C-2/1, PID No.55-44-2/1, portion of site No.885, situated at 39th E Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 27 ft and North to South 40 ft , including residential building thereon and bounded on :

East by : Road
West by : Property bearing No.885/2
North by : Property bearing No.886
South by : Road

M.S. MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE,
MS ASSOCIATES
No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph No; 080-26673086
Bangalore. Date: 15-01-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client Smt.K.R.sunanda is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The original sale deed, dated 22-10-2003 executed on 23-10-2003 Document number : BNG(U)-KNGR/18989/2003-04 registered at Kengeri Sub-registrar office,Bangalore, executed by Sri.V.Gurumurthy infavour of Sri.K.V.Rajagopal, for the Site No.2, Khata No.43/42/80/1 situated at Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk , Bangalore measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 feet, is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 13-01-2023 online vide report no. 0443946/2023.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at he/their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site number 2, Katha No. 43/42/80/1, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to south:30 feet in totally 1200 Square feet presently comes under BBMP limits, and bounded by :

East by : Site No.20,
West by : Road
North by : Site No 3,
South by : Site No.1

Aswath B, Advocate
#31, 5th cross, 23rd Main Road, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore -560078
Contact No : 9901944099
e-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients,Sri. Vinay Kumar S. R son of Ramesh S. V aged about 35 years, and Smt. Shubha R. P wife of Vinay Kumar S. R, aged about 35 years, both residing at No. 61/1, Sri Sai Krupa, Sri Ramamandir Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560 004are intending to purchase the property bearing No. 59, (Old No. 42/36) Sri. Ramamandir Road, Bengaluru having PID No. 50-76-59coming under Ward No. 143 of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike from its owners namely Sri. Guruprasad BK S/o Late TS Krishna Murthy and Satish BK S/o Late TS Krishna Murthyat the present market value.

It is hereby notified that any person/s having any right, title or interest in respect of the said property more fully described in the schedule hereunder shall call on the undersigned with all or any documents in their power and possession seeking to enforce such perceived right, title or interest over the schedule property within 7 days of the publication of this public notice during the office hours.

Ii is further notified that if no such claims are received or made to the undersigned within the said period of seven days it will be considered that no person/s has any claim over the schedule property and my clients will go ahead with the transaction and get the regular sale deed executed in respect of the schedule property and no claims whatsoever will be entertained under any circumstances thereafter which please note.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 59, (Old No. 42/36) Sri. Ramamandir Road, Bengaluru having PID No. 50-76-59 coming under Ward No. 143 of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalikemeasuring East to West 66 feet 5 Inches and North to South 13 feet totally measuring 864.5 Sq. feet bounded on:

East By : Sri Ram Mandir Road, West By : Property of Vinay Kumar SR and Shubha RP vide no 59/1, North By : Property of Ramadas C V# 61, South By : Common Passage, and Ram mandir

Sd/- S.M. KULKARNI, Advocate
No. 3/5, First Floor, Bull Temple Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
M: 9845334986, 9035288899

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Padamati Siva Chandu Mrs.Kesana Sravya **Prospect No IL10040479 & IL10113599**	All that piece and parcel of: Flat No 303, 3Rd Floor B Block, Area Admeasuring 661 Sq.Ft. Carpet Area, Snr Silver Ripples Yamare Village, Sarjapur Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, 560100	**Prospect no. IL10040479** ₹ 29,36,561.00/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only) and **prospect no. IL10113599** ₹ 4,43,626.00/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Only)	21-Sep-2022	12-Jan-2023
Mr. Gregory Sandeep Kumar Mrs. Rekha Sampangi M/s Rino Enterprises (**Prospect No IL10116310**)	All that piece and parcel of : Property No. 12/A, admeasuring 490 Sq. Ft. (Land & Carpet Area) & 857 Sq. Ft. (Built Up Area), Katha No. 48/12/A, Asst No 39, Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka, India-562125. Bounded By- East- Venkatappa's Property, West- Rathnappa's Property, North- Lingappa's Property, South- Road	₹ 16,75,606.00/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred and Six Only)	23-SEP-2022	12-Jan-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 16/01/2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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DEUTSCHE BANK AG
 # 26- 27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 23rd February 2023 up to 4:00 pm

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of DEUTSCHE BANK AG had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website:: **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Name of the Branch & Account	Property Description	Demand Notice Date / Outstanding Amount (Secured debt)	Authorized Officer's Details	EMD SUBMISSION ACCOUNT DETAILS	Reserve Price / EMD / Minimum Bid Enhance Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction
Deutsche Bank AG, # 26-27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore – 560001 **Mr. Raghavan Srinivasan**, M/s. Southern Batteries Pvt Ltd, Mrs. Maya Srinivasan & Mr. Bhaskaran Pillai Radhakrishnan	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No 137 2nd Cross 3rd Main, BTM Lyt 2nd Stg 1st Phase, Bilekahalli Dollars Layout, Bangalore – 560076.	**05 - April -2019 Rs. 8,84,19,416.92** + interest + other charges	**Mr. Dhaneshwar Koganur,** Mobile No. **9886227701** Email Id **dhaneshwar.koganur@db.com**	**A/c No.** 078494027010068 **A/c Name –** Deutsche Bank AG EMD, **Name of the Beneficiary –** Deutsche Bank AG **IFSC-** DEUT0784PBC	**Rs.7,26,18,750/-** / **Rs.72,61,875/-** (10% of the Reserve Price) / **Rs.50,000.00** (Bid Inc. Amount)	24 February 2023, 12:00 pm

The e-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders on **4th February 2023 between 11 am to 3 pm.**

3. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: **https://www.bankeauctions.com** (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above.

After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: https//www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID : support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129 and for any property related query may contact **Authorised Officer: Mr. Dhaneshwar Koganur; Mobile No :9886227701 e-mail ID: dhaneshwar.koganur@db.com during the working hours from Monday to Saturday.**

4. The interested bidder has to submit their Bid Documents (not below the Reserve Price) and required documents (mentioned in Point No. 3) on/ before **23rd February 2023 upto 4.00 pm** and after going through the Registering Process (One time) and generating User ID & Password of their own, shall be eligible for participating the e-Auction Process, subject to due verification (of the documents) and/ or approval of the Authorised Officer. EMD also can be deposited in the bank by way demand draft favoring "Deutsche Bank AG EMD" the same will be returned to unsuccessful bidder.

5. During the Online Inter-se Bidding, Bidder can improve their Bid Amount as per the 'Bid Enhancement Amount' (mentioned above) or its multiple and in case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-Auction Process shall be declared as a Successful Bidder by the Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor, after required verification

6. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting borrower shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount.

7. The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorised Officer/ Bank nor M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event.

8. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment/electricity charges, fees etc. owing to anybody.

9. The Authorised Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof.

10. The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction available on the Web Portal of M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., **https://www.bankeauctions.com** before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction

11. The publication is subject to the force Majeure clause.

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Place: Bangalore **Date:** 16.01.2023 **Dhaneshwar Koganur - Authorized Officer, Deutsche Bank A.G.**

34% surge in demat accounts in Dec 2022 as the number of demat accounts rose to 10.8 crore compared to 8.1 cr in Dec 2021

Inflows surge as investors' trust on index funds grows

Index funds are gaining traction as only 26% of actively managed large-cap funds have been able to beat benchmarks in past 10 years

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

FROM being a niche product to becoming a mainstream investment scheme, index funds have come a long way. Surge in investments in index funds over the past few years reflects the growing trust of investors in these funds.

Figures reveal the rising popularity of index funds in India. According to the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data, net inflows in index funds have more than tripled. The total net inflows in index funds were ₹79,356 crore in 2022 as against ₹24,858 crore in 2021, showing a surge of 219%.

An index fund is a type of mutual fund that tracks a specific market index, such as the S&P BSE Sensex or the Nifty 50. The fund's portfolio is designed to match the performance of the index it tracks, making it a low-cost and diversified investment option.

One of the main reasons for the increasing popularity of index funds in India is the realisation that it is difficult for actively managed funds to consistently outperform their benchmark index.

According to a study released last year by Morningstar, only 26% of actively managed large-cap funds in India have been able to outperform the S&P BSE 100 index over the past 10 years.

This has led many investors to opt for index funds, which provide returns that are similar to the market without the added risk of underperformance. "Increasing interest in index funds is evident through the steady increase in inflows in such funds and the increasing proportion of index funds as a percentage of overall assets managed by the asset management industry," Nirav Karkera, Head of Research at Fisdom, a wealth-tech platform told TNIE.

A shift towards passive funds

₹79,356 crore: Net inflows in index funds in 2022

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219%: Change over previous year

₹6,736 crore: Net inflows in index funds in December 2022

₹4,515 crore: Net inflows in index funds in December 2021

49%: Change over previous year

₹1.29 lakh crore: Net Assets Under Management as on December 31, 2022

₹45,429 crore: Net Assets Under Management as on December 31, 2021

184%: Change over previous year

"One reason is the preference for large-cap index funds over actively managed large-cap funds on account of its outperformance at a lower cost. Periods like 2019, 2020 and 2022 showcased large cap indices as a more efficient route to performance versus active counterparts," he added.

"While index investing has been largely associated with equities, the number of innovative indices serving as an underlying to a variety of debt funds are helping investors diversify and allocate to fixed income more strategically and efficiently," Karkera said.

Diversification is another reason behind the success of index funds.

Index funds provide investors exposure to a broad range of stocks, which reduces the risk of investing in a single stock or sector.

This is especially important for retail investors who often tend to invest in individual stocks, which can be risky and subject to market volatility.

Consistent rise in inflows

Official data shows the rise in inflows in index funds is consistent. Whether it is monthly or quarterly data, they all indicate growing trust of investors in these funds.

According to AMFI data, total net inflows in such index funds increased to ₹20,412 crore in the third quarter of financial year 2022-23 from ₹11,549 crore in the same quarter in 2021-22, reflecting a jump of 77%.

Similar growth is visible in monthly inflows as well.

The net inflows in these funds increased to ₹6,736 crore in December 2022 compared to ₹4,515 crore in 2021, showing a year-on- year rise of 49%.

As a result of the rise in inflows, the Assets under Management (AuM) have also increased substantially. The net AuM of index funds increased to ₹1.29 lakh crore as on December 31, 2022 which was at ₹45,429 crore as on December 31, 2021.

More growth ahead

The future is bright for index funds in India, say experts. "The popularity of index funds is set to rise further among retail investors. They have a lower expense ratio, offer diversification, and are easy to invest which make them ideal for retail investors," a senior official of an Asset Management Company said.

The choice to invest in a mutual fund depends on investors' risk tolerance and investment objectives. Index funds are appropriate for risk-averse investors who want predictable returns and are willing to remain invested for the long term.

"As far as investment period is concerned, for any equity-oriented index fund, a time horizon of at least five years should serve as a good starting point with modifications per appetite," said Karkera.

"Another modification to the horizon could be on the basis of the type of index. For instance, a thematic or factor-based index may need a longer time horizon to perform across fuller cycles relevant to it. For debt indices, the time horizon should be aligned considering effective maturity of the index constituents in aggregate," he added.

MONEY MATTERS

WHAT TO EXPECT OF BUDGET 2023

FINANCIAL ADVICE

RAJAS KELKAR

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her final Budget on 1 February before the general elections in 2024. Just like every year, industry associations, trade bodies, consultants, and chartered accountants make a representation to the government about their expectations from the Budget.

In a recent address to FICCI, an industry body, the finance minister said that the Budget would follow the spirit of previous budgets to prepare India for the next 25 years. That could mean more government spending on physical and social infrastructure.

Over the years, the budget-making exercise has been considered the government's presentation of the state of the economy. Much excitement is diminished as taxes on consumption items are not determined in the Budget. The implementation of the goods and services tax means the GST council decides the rates on items of daily use. The Budget matters for your taxes, though. It also matters for policy statements announced for various industries.

Any support given to agriculture, roads, infrastructure, and financial services sectors affects the growth prospects of businesses. A change in tax rates for corporates or individuals affects consumption patterns in the economy. If tax rates are cut, you get more money in your hands for spending. That creates demand for goods and services and drives consumption-led growth.

A key thing to watch out for in the Budget is the inflationary pressure it puts on the economy. Prospects for your money depending on the way the government finances are managed. You may be surprised, but if the government does not do that job right, you could see inflation soaring and interest rates rising. That happens when the government spends more than expected on revenue and capital expenditure. A higher fiscal deficit than estimated leads to a higher market borrowing from the government. That puts pressure on interest rates and stokes inflation.

The government in 2022-23 has extended the free food programme, which is likely to impact the overall government expenditure. According to the latest RBI Bulletin, the direct and indirect tax revenues are higher than expected and are likely to help the government meet the additional expenditure. You need to watch out for any excesses in expenditure that could add to the inflationary pressure.

The Budget also needs to provide more for creating export competitiveness. Higher oil imports and other commodities resulted in a higher current account deficit. When imports are significantly higher than exports, the rupee value depreciates, putting inflationary pressure on the economy. While currency depreciation makes exports competitive, it also increases imports' prices. There is a good chance that the government may put additional import duties on gold and high-value consumer items like smartphones and other electronics. Any fear of higher inflation would ensure that interest rates remain firm.

The RBI Monetary Policy committee will watch out for the Budget 2023 announcement before determining the policy rates in the first week of February 2023. The government's commitment to structurally bring down the fiscal deficit would be watched closely. Ahead of the election, there is a tendency to offer freebies to attract votes. Since it is the last Budget of the term, you may have to watch out for any such move that adds to the government expenditure.

The Reserve Bank of India projects a growth rate of close to 7% for the following year. International lending institutions like the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund expect a slightly lower growth rate. That means businesses that depend on India's growth would continue to generate business and profits in line with that growth.

Equity markets are at a record high and are likely to stay put due to a strong flow from systematic investment plans. Foreign portfolio investors may not invest much in 2023 as they have relatively cheaper equity assets elsewhere. You need to watch out for statements in the Budget 2023 that support future economic growth. Any projections highlighting a higher fiscal deficit without adequate spending on infrastructure is bad news for equity assets. On the other hand, if the finance minister announces a new capital expenditure programme with no significant increase in the fiscal deficit, that is good news for stock markets.

Inflationary pressure on economy

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MONEY-WISE

BIG FINANCIAL REGRETS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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IN a survey in the USA, the following emerged as the biggest financial regrets...

- Delaying Retirement Investments
- Not paying off the credit card bills in full
- Relying too much on credit cards
- Not investing in 401(K) schemes – and missing out employer's funds
- Not having an emergency fund

What chances that if we did an Expenses survey in India, we will come up with something like this? Well, this article is not about the Indian position, but far more personal!

See where you stand in this food chain....If you do not have an emergency fund, no SIP, not enough medical insurance, have not opened a PPF, and you have a job without much of provident fund, then, clearly you are at the bottom of the wealth pyramid.

At this stage it will not be a bad idea to skip a 3-day trip to Goa with friends – this could set you back by say ₹ 20,000. This amount will look very pretty sitting in an emergency fund rather in a travel agent's profit and loss account!

Let's say you have an emergency fund, you pay off your credit card debt in full, always, and have pared down your educational loan. Now you just have a small educational loan, being repaid rapidly, a good stable job with good cashflow.

At this stage you do not have to think too much about going to Starbucks for a coffee – a ₹289 coffee is not going to kill you, but wealth creation is still Work-In-Progress stage.

You are now 33, have a fiancée, both of you have a take home of ₹95,000 each – so ₹ 190,000 per month. You have a mortgage of ₹54,000 and a car EMI of ₹22,000. You have your emergency fund in place, educational loans have been paid off, you are doing a SIP of ₹ 20,000 a month. Now you can afford your Goa vacation but at a three-star hotel and no fancy Cruises.

Bottom of the wealth pyramid

If you do not have an emergency fund, no SIP, not enough medical insurance, have not opened a PPF, and you have a job without much of provident fund, then, clearly you are at the bottom of the wealth pyramid. At this stage it will not be a bad idea to skip a 3-day trip to Goa with friends.

However, your EMI is 40% of your take home pay, and it would be healthy if it was 30%. This could happen with your salary going up in a year or two or your car mortgage coming to an end. At this stage, what could hurt you is poor investing, but you are now not going to be hurt by spending on a business class ticket instead of an Economy ticket.

Maybe it is time to increase the SIP amount that you are currently doing, from 10% of take home pay to 20% of take-home pay. Of course, this will be easy once the car EMI stops.

These are just examples for you to see how to plan your own life. Most young readers would fall in one of the above three categories. In case your numbers are better than these – for example you earn more than these people, you should invest more. It may make sense to reduce all the loans or invest in more aggressive assets like 'Technology fund' or 'health-care fund' or the types.

See what fits you well, ask more questions and get prepared.

Government-backed ONDC completes 4,000 successful transactions

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

OPEN Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), an initiative of the Commerce Ministry, has completed 4,000 successful transactions as part of beta testing, a top government official told TNIE.

ONDC has on-boarded its first handloom weavers from Kancheepuram, to sell their products through ONDC across India with support from the Small Industries Development Bank of India(SIDBI).

"In addition to products, ONDC is also working with the Kerala government to scale its pilot in open mobility across Kerala. Besides this, it is also working with developmental organisations like SIDBI and NABARD to on-board social sector organisations and farmers producers' organisations(FPOs)," the official said. He also informed that ONDC has so far on-boarded four social sector enterprises that are live to sell their products across India.

The governments and state bodies of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, J&K and Madhya Pradesh have already signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ONDC, while Karnataka and West Bengal have initial engagement.

The commerce and industry ministry launched the pilot phase of ONDC in April last year, in five cities – Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Shillong and Coimbatore. It went live for the public in September 2022, in grocery and F&B categories. In December, it made a tier-2 debut in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.

Local shop owners across segments, such as mobility, grocery, food order and delivery, hotel booking and travel, can start selling their products online by joining ONDC using any ONDC-compatible seller applications of their choice, where the terms of business are favourable to them. Through ONDC, small businesses will have multiple options to be discoverable over the network and conduct business on their own terms. This discoverability will be universal to all buyers on the network irrespective of the application that the buyer is using on the network.

Global cues, Q3FY23 earnings to guide market

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

GLOBAL cues, foreign fund outflow and December quarter (Q3FY23) earnings are expected to guide India's equity market this week. The start of the calendar year 2023 hasn't been good for the local market as worries regarding future interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve and sustained selling by foreign institutional investors (FII) have been keeping the bulls in check.

"Beginning in 2023, we are already observing some correction to the Indian equity market's notable outperformance in the prior year. Indian markets are trading lower month-to-date with a significant FII outflow, whereas, the majority of emerging markets rebounded in the first few days of 2023 with net FII inflows," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

"The flow of FIIs is therefore a crucial variable in determining the market's future course. We are not witnessing any abrupt drops, though, as DIIs are working to maintain the market," Meena added.

FII sold approximately ₹ 10,000 crore in Indian equity markets last week in which the benchmark BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty shed about 0.45% and 0.19%, respectively, to close at 60,261.18 and 17,956.60.

V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said that FIIs are selling in India and moving money to cheaper markets like China, Hong Kong and South Korea where valuations are much lower.

In 2022, FIIs were selling in China. "This trend has changed to long China and short India. This trend may continue for a few more days. Since DIIs and retail investors are buyers and are keen to buy the dips, the FII selling is unlikely to lead to a sharp correction in the market even though the market appears weak for the near-term."

According to Vijayakumar, CPI inflation falling to 5.72% in December and IIP spurting to 7.1% in November are positive macros which can provide fundamental support to the bulls.

After an IT heavy week, the focus will now shifty towards banking stocks. First, markets will react to the HDFC bank's number.

In the following sessions, participants will be eyeing Indusind Bank, Kotak Bank and ICICI Bank results. Besides, prominent names from other sectors like Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Ultratech Cement and JSW Steel will also declare their results along with several others.

FIIs selling continues

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MUDRYK SIGNS FOR CHELSEA

London: Ukraine winger Mykhailo Mudryk became the latest big signing for Chelsea under the club's new American ownership, joining from Shakhtar Donetsk on Sunday in a deal worth 100 million euros ($108 million) and on a remarkable 8 1/2-year deal.

NO QUARTER GIVEN AND NONE TAKEN

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AFTER two nights and nine largely jeopardy-free games, the World Cup had its first genuine highwire act at the Birsa Munda Stadium in Rourkela. To be fair, India and England, two of the most improved sides amongst the sport's elite in the last Olympic cycle, were always likely to throw up a high-grade encounter. And so it proved in an affair where millimetres and fractions of a second assumed primary importance.

While the scoreline was surprising in the extreme -- a 0-0 (the last three encounters between the two coming into Sunday had seen 21) -- it wasn't for want of trying. Coach Graham Reid said 'both sides had opportunities' and that was true. While England will be slightly unhappy with a draw -- they beat India on penalty corners as well had an effort that clipped the woodwork with seconds remaining on the clock -- India will see it as a well-earned point, especially considering they had a below-par opening 15 minutes.

The point also means they keep themselves in the conversation for topping Pool D. That point was almost snatched away from them with less than five seconds to go. Visiting striker Nick Bandurack found the woodwork and they believed they had engineered another penalty corner -- a ninth of their game -- but the hooter had just sounded. Some of their players sat on the ground, clearly disappointed at not winning after creating eight penalty corners and some clear-cut chances from open play.

India's disappointment was more subtle perhaps because their final match against Wales is the easier looking fixture on paper (England play Spain who eased past Wales in the earlier fixture on Sunday). The hosts will also look back and be proud of the work they put in when defending penalty corners. Manpreet Singh was outstanding as the first-rusher.

Some two hours before Manpreet formed a one-man moving wall, the excitement was palpable. A capacity crowd was heaving by the time the anthems were done. One could sense the tension in the air as England pushed back. India started slowly and the visitors didn't need another invitation to take the attack. They played a couple of line-breaking passes, enjoyed the quicker transitions and the end result was they created as many five penalty corners (India had one in the opening stanza). It just wasn't working for the hosts; passes were being overhit, a few mistraps when under no pressure. "The connection was missing in the first 15 minutes," Reid opined.

In the second quarter, Reid's charges grew into the match. They finally got a foothold in midfield and kept hold of the ball for longer periods. Some quick interchange and passing also enabled them to push up the pitch. England still looked fluid whenever they got possession but India were winning the ground they had ceded. Part of the problem in the opening 15 minutes was India's receiving. After they had course corrected, the overall aspect of their build-up play had improved markedly. But that improvement did not markedly lead to shots on goal from open play. They had managed to win a few penalty corners in the second batch of 15 minutes but Harmanpreet Singh's accuracy was off the mark.

Then, Sam Ward, who had promised to bring a 'Baz Ball'-inspired style to the way they play, had the game's biggest chance but fluffed his lines. He was eyeball-to-eyeball with PR Sreejesh with not a defender in sight but the custodian dragged him away from the goal and Ward fired wide from a narrow angle after receiving it in a centre area. Meanwhile, Hardik Singh, who was running the Indian midfield like a head chef running a pass at a restaurant, came into his own with an all-action performance. That was before he went down with two minutes to go. He had picked up a hamstring injury but it 'didn't look quite as bad as it looked', was the update Reid had for the media after the match.

Just before the end of the third quarter, India had the ball in the net but it was ruled to be by unfair means. In the fourth, India dominated the play with more than 65% possession. They also had very presentable chances but custodian Oliver Payne was equal to the task. Payne was ultimately named man of the match for the saves.

From an Indian perspective, the two clean sheets to begin the World Cup is the tonic they needed after conceding a lot of goals post the Olympics. This 0-0 is also remarkable considering it was their first at this level since the one against West Germany in 1973.

Nilakanta Sharma in action during India's match against England at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

GOAL TICKER

38 GOALS

TOP SCORER
Australia's Tom Craig and Jeremy Hayward - 3

** after 10 games*

ENGLAND	METRICS	INDIA
8	Shots	9
23	Circle penetration	31
53	Possession (in opposition half)	47
0 of 8	Penalty corners	0 of 4

RESULTS

Pool D: Spain 5-1 Wales, India 0-0 England

MATCHES TODAY

Pool C: Malaysia vs Chile 1.00 PM, New Zealand vs Netherlands 3.00 PM (both in Rourkela).

Pool A: France vs South Africa (5.00 PM), Argentina vs Australia (7.00 PM) (both in Bhubaneswar).

Live on Star Sports Network

SPAIN THRASH WALES 5-1

Marc Reyna and Marc Miralles struck a brace each as Spain outplayed Wales 5-1 in a Pool D match to register their first win in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup on Sunday. Reyna sounded the board in the 16th and 38th minutes from field efforts, while Miralles scored in the 32nd and 56th minutes. Skipper Alvaro Iglesias (22nd) was the other goal getter for the winners. Wales' lone goal was scored by James Carson in the 52nd minute. Spain recorded their first win in the tournament, while it was Wales' second loss on the trot. Spain had earlier lost 0-2 to hosts India in their tournament opener, while Wales were defeated 0-5 by England.

Experiments on to decide future of penalty corners: FIH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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DURING his first detailed press conference after being elected as the president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), Tayyab Ikram confirmed that the body is continuing to experiment with penalty corners.

Last year, the body had started a global consultation project into the future of the penalty corner to see if the existing rules needed to be tweaked to offer protection to players facing upto it (it can often lead to nasty injuries because of the speed at which the ball travels from the top of the D).

"First thing is the safety of the athletes," Ikram said. "We are working on that. We are also going to start some experiments. Main thing is the high intensity and speed of the ball, how to give more time for defenders to react."

He also said that the defunct Champions League, a blue-riband FIH event that was last held in 2016, could come back in some form of shape because there is an appetite. "There is an appetite for certain events," Ikram, who congratulated the Odisha government for the World Cup, said. "There will be a consultation process."

He also confirmed that Hockey India had tabled a proposal of sorts to conduct an international event. He spoke about it when it was put to him about the absence of invitational events. "That is true, the window is very congested. We have Sultan Azlan Shah and Johor Cup which is being continued. We had a proposal from Hockey India about another tournament, even from the Odisha government." While he didn't specify the nature of the event, it could be that they are interested in having an annual invitational multi-nation event.

'BIRSA MUNDA STADIUM LARGEST IN THE WORLD'

Rourkela: FIH president Tayyab Ikram on Sunday put to end all murmurs about the capacity of the newly-built Birsa Munda Stadium calling it the largest. "You do not have 21,800 seating capacity anywhere in the world," he told mediapersons. Calling it a fantastic, smart infrastructure which provides commercial partners, broadcasters and more importantly, best ever facilities to the athletes, he said, Birsa Munda Stadium offers top accessibility to the venue and field of play. "I have not seen such infrastructure, facilities for our top athletes," said Ikram and thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Odisha government for unconditional support to make the 15th edition of FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup a grand success.

Kohli, Gill power India to series sweep with record 317-run win

PTI @ Thiruvananthapuram

VIRAT KOHLI lit up the inconsequential one-dayer with an epic 166 not out, his third century in four innings, as India annihilated Sri Lanka with a record 317-run win to sweep the series here on Sunday.

Skipper Rohit Sharma (42 off 49) and Shubman Gill (116 off 97) shared a fluent 95-run opening partnership before Kohli (166 not out off 110) propelled India to a daunting 390 for five with his 74th international hundred and 46th in the 50-over format.

Sri Lanka succumbed to the high quality fast bowling of Mohammad Siraj who struck four times inside the 10 overs to shut the door on the opposition. Sri Lanka were all out for a meagre 73 in 22 overs.

It is the biggest margin of victory by runs in the history of men's ODIs.

The night well and truly belonged to Kohli, as the 34-year-old, who had ended a nearly three-year wait for an international hundred in the Asia Cup last year, showed that he is back to his best.

Kohli is now only three short of equalling Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI centuries. Kohli's conversion ratio is remarkable as he got to his 46th ton in 259 innings while Tendulkar had taken 452 innings to get to 49 centuries.

Before Kohli took over, Gill had played some high quality strokes en route to his second ODI hundred. With that effort, he repaid the faith of the team management which had picked him to open ahead of Ishan Kishan, who came into the series with a double hundred under his belt.

The 23-run over from Lahiru Kumara in the initial stage of the innings got India going. After Rohit flicked him for a six over deep mid-wicket, Gill then collected four straight boundaries off Kumara.

Rohit too was looking good at the other end but got out against the run of play while trying one of his signature shots, the front foot pull. Gill and Kohli then shared a 131-run stand in which they were hardly troubled by the Sri Lankan bowlers.

Kohli began the innings with a flurry of boundaries before accumulating runs with his exemplary running between the wickets. His first of his eight sixes came in the 80s and it was a mishit over long on.

He got to 99 with a boundary which came following a collision with Ashen Bandara and Jeffrey Vandersay, who both were running towards the ball from deep square leg and deep midwicket. Both the fielders were eventually stretchered off the field.

The last 10 overs saw India smashing 116 runs with Kohli going ballistic after his century. In response to India's mammoth total, Sri Lanka never really turned up in the chase. Siraj had Avishka Fernando caught at widish slip in the second over of the innings. It was a procession thereafter with Siraj running through the top order.

Brief scores

India 390/5 in 50 overs (V Kohli: 166*, S Gill 116, K Rajitha 2-81, L Kumara 2-87). **Sri Lanka** 73 in 22 overs (N Fernando 19, M Siraj 4-32, K Yadav 2-16, M Shami 2-20) **won by 317 runs.**

TOP CONTENDERS FOR TITLE

AS THE 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN GETS UNDERWAY ON JANUARY 16, HERE IS A LOOK AT THE KEY PLAYERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON IN THE TOURNAMENT...

FIVE MEN TO WATCH

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

The former World No 1 finished a troubled 2022 with a record-equalling sixth ATP Tour Finals crown and began the new year in irrepressible form, winning his 92nd career title at the Adelaide International. The only concern is a slight hamstring injury which forced him to prematurely end a practice match earlier this week.

DANIIL MEDVEDEV: The 26-year-old Russian was unable to match his run to the Melbourne final at the French or US Opens last year and never had a chance at Wimbledon after being banned due to the Ukraine war. He did win two titles and spent 16 weeks as World No 1. But it was an underwhelming year in the eyes of the 2021 US Open champion.

STEFANOS TSITSIPAS: The World No 4 burst onto the scene at the Oz Open in 2019 when he dethroned Roger Federer in the last 16. He went on to reach the semifinals that year and in 2021 and 202. The Greek star won the ATP Masters 1000 title in Monte Carlo last year along with another on the grass of Mallorca. But a Grand Slam crown remains elusive for him till date.

RAFAEL NADAL

The Spaniard made the most of Djokovic's absence to win the title in 2022. He made history in the process — the first man to achieve 21 Grand Slam singles crowns, making it 22 at the French Open. But injuries hampered his season. He withdrew from Wimbledon after quarterfinal and exited in the last 16 at the US Open. Nadal struggled to find his best form in the lead up as well.

NICK KYRGIOS

While his frequent tantrums have long overshadowed his talent, the Australian had a stellar 2022, making a barnstorming run to a first Grand Slam singles final at Wimbledon, losing to Djokovic. He has never gone past the Australian Open quarterfinals and has been hampered by an ankle injury, but the unpredictable Kyrgios has an outside chance if he can handle the pressure.

FIVE WOMEN TO WATCH

IGA SWIATEK

The 21-year-old seized her opportunity after the retirement of Ashleigh Barty to dominate 2022. After losing the Oz Open semifinal to Danielle Collins, she did not look back. She lifted the trophy in Doha a month later to kick-start an incredible 37-match winning streak that only ended in the third round at Wimbledon five months later.

ONS JABEUR: The Tunisian World No 2 appears to be on the cusp of a Grand Slam breakthrough, having been runner-up at Wimbledon and the US Open last year. The 28-year-old has set herself a 2023 target of toppling Swiatek from the number one ranking and becoming the first Arab and African woman to win a Slam.

JESSICA PEGULA: The 28-year-old World No 3 comes into Melbourne Park after starring for the victorious USA team at the United Cup, where she won four of her five matches and beat Swiatek. Pegula, whose parents are the billionaire owners of the Buffalo Bills NFL franchise, reached the Australian Open quarterfinals in 2021 and last year, where she was outclassed by a rampant Barty.

ARYNA SABALENKA

The explosive Belarusian promised she would be up for a "big fight" at the Australian Open after winning in Adelaide this month for the 11th WTA title of her career. The 24-year-old left-hander sprung back into form last season, reaching the semifinal at the US Open and the WTA Tour finals championship match, where she lost to Caroline Garcia.

COCO GAUFF

The 18-year-old American goes into Melbourne Park on a high after winning her third WTA title at the Auckland Classic this month. The World No 7 first won hearts as a 15-year-old in 2019 at Wimbledon when she arrived as a qualifier and reached the last 16. Last year her upward trajectory gathered pace as she reached her first Grand Slam final, losing to Swiatek at Roland Garros.

With Sushma's return to India dressing room, Himachal trio's dream comes true

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SUSHMA Verma vividly remembers her time at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association's women's residential academy in Dharamsala. It is where she grew up, it is where she learnt everything about the sport under the watchful eyes of coach Pawan Sen. If not for the academy, she would not have taken up cricket. She says as much. It is the place where she spent years dreaming about playing for India some day.

However, she did not dream about wearing the India jersey all alone by herself. There were others with her as well, especially two players — Renuka Singh Thakur, who now plays for Railways, and Harleen Deol, who shifted to the academy from Punjab at the age of 13 and is now the captain of the state side. The trio spent years together at the academy, pursuing their passion. For them, it was a shared dream to represent the country together. While Sushma was the first from the academy to make it to the national team back in 2014, it took Harleen five more years and Renuka eight.

Now, almost nine years after Sushma made her India debut, the three of them will be together in the Indian dressing room for the first time. And this time, it was the senior most player among three who has made a comeback to the team for the tri-series in South Africa, featuring the hosts, India and West Indies. "These two (laughs). I remember, we have been together in the residential academy for 11-12 years now," Sushma told this daily. "Staying 24/7 together and knowing each other very well, not just as a player, but as a human also. That way, we are connected. I am very happy that Renuka is doing very well. This is one of those dreams which I remember we used to talk about when we used to stay in the academy. 'Someday all of us will be playing together for our India.' Which did not seem possible (laughs), so yes, very excited. I am really looking forward."

Sushma Verma (L) with HPCA coach Pawan Sen, Harleen Deol & Renuka Singh Thakur

While Renuka has cemented her place in the Indian team since her maiden call-up in September 2021 and Harleen has made a comeback to the T20I setup for the World Cup, Sushma did not make the squad for the marquee event. However, she will be a part of the tri-series as the backup wicketkeeper with Shafali Verma and Richa Ghosh taking part in the U19 World Cup. Dropped after the home series against South Africa back in March 2021, Sushma's selection for South Africa comes as a recognition for her performance in the domestic T20 season this year.

Batting in the middle-order, the 30-year-old scored 237 runs (third-highest) at an average of 79 while striking at 105.80, playing a crucial role in Himachal Pradesh reaching the semifinal of the Senior Women's T20. But courtesy of a rain-intervened heartbreak against Bengal, they could not make it in the final. Although devastated, Sushma had to move onto the next challenge. In the Inter Zonal T20s, she hammered 186 runs at 46.50 average and 121.56 SR, and in the final of the Senior Women's T20 Challengers, Sushma hit an unbeaten 10-ball 13 at No.5, ensuring India D title victory.

It was a result of hard work that has gone behind the scenes. "I have been working to improve my fitness, power-hitting abilities. I have a good setup here. My coaches and people around me kept pushing me. Every day we had plans and what are the areas I need to work on to meet up the expectations of the Indian setup," she said.

While Sushma might not start in the first game, she knows she is ready, not just with respect to form and physical fitness, but mentally as well. "Whatever comes, I am ready. Whenever I get an opportunity, I have worked hard on how I can be better and make an impact in the middle-order. I am just waiting for it, fingers crossed."

Irrespective of whether she gets to play or not, for now, the dream of the Himachal trio has finally come true. Come January 19, the three of them will be there in the Indian dressing room together just like they had dreamt under the starry skies of Dharamsala all those years ago.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **M/s BEEHIVE BRANDS PVT.LTD.,** a Company, incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act 1956, having its registered Office at Plot No.28A, KIADB Industrial Area, Veerapura Post, Doddaballapura-561203, represented by its **Directors :Mr.SUNIL V. RAHEJA and Mrs.MOHINI V RAHEJA,** through its registered Agreement Holders: **(i)Mr.RAJENDRA J HINDUJA and (ii)Mr.DINESH J HINDUJA** sons of late Sri.Jhamanda H. Hinduja. The Owners and Agreement holders have represent that the Owners are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and they have good marketable, right, title and interest therein.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Industrial property bearing **Municipal No.8/9** (CITB Plot bearing Nos.8 & 9), **PID No.11-50-8/9,** measuring **East to West (170+166)2 feet** and **North to South 250 feet,** in all measuring **42,000 Sq.ft,** with a building thereon, situated at **Industrial Suburb II Stage, Tumkur Main Service Road, Bengaluru,** within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded as follows:

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No.101, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 4th Floor, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

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This is to notify the General Public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property more fully described in the schedule herein below from its present owner Sri. B. N. Nagaraj, S/o Sri. Narasimha B, residing at House No.61, Shrimathi Mallu Nilaya, 6th Main Road, Sarakki Gate, J. P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.326/I, measuring East to West 9.15 Meters and North to South 6.10 Meters, in all measuring 55.81 Square Meters, in the layout formed by the BDA, situated at 3rd Block, J. P. Nagar 9th Phase, Bangalore, and bounded on the:

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B. NARENDRA BALIGA, Advocate
No.468/21, First Floor, 26th Main, 39th Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 069.
Mobile: 98459 52566
Place: Bengaluru Date: 16/01/2023

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The General public are hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **(i)M/s. MANDOVI MOTORS INVESTMENTS & LEASING PVT. LTD.,** having its registered Office at Arvind Building, Balmatta Road, Mangalore -575001, represented by its **Director- SRI.AROOR ASHOK RAO; (ii)SMT.AROOR SHILPA RAO** D/o Sri.Aroor Kishore Rao & W/o Sri.Suchindra Sadananda Shetty, residing at No.16-9-518/1, 'Gangothri', Falnir Road, Mangalore-575002; **(iii) SRI.AROOR ASHOK RAO** S/o Sri.A.Sripathi Rao, residing at No.440, 11th Main, 3rd Cross, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru560034 and **(iv) SRI.AROOR SANJAY RAO,** S/o Sri.A.Sripathi Rao, residing at Falnir, Mangalore 575002. The Owners represents that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and they have good marketable, right, title and interest therein.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Industrial property bearing **Municipal No.17/A2-3** (site Nos.17/A2 & 17/A3), **PID No.11-59-17/A2-3,** measuring **East to West 250ft** and **North to South 205ft,** in all measuring **51,250 Sq.ft,** situated at **Ring Road Industrial Suburb II Stage, Bengaluru,** within the limits of BBMP and bounded as follows:

East by : III Main Road
West by : B.D.A Land reserved for H.T.Line
North by : Property No.17-A1-1 and 17/A1-2
South by : Property No.19.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

The Chief Engineer, Ele., BMAZ(N), BESCOM, Bangalore, invites tenders for the following Civil Engineering works in BMAZ(N) Jurisdiction through e-procurement portal in two cover system.

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount put to tender in Rs. Lakhs (Appx.)	Time limit for completion of work including monsoon period
1	CEE/BMAZ(N)/ EE(Civil)/Enq-08/2022-23 dated 12.01.2023	Construction of Record Room, at Second floor for E-1 Sub division at Pillanna Garden, Tannery Road, BESCOM, Bangalore. (Call 4)	82.48	09 Months
2	CEE/BMAZ(N)/ EE(Civil)/Enq-09/2022-23 dated 12.01.2023	Construction of W-3 Sub division office building at Goripalya, BESCOM, Bangalore. (With in the Land measuring 80' X 80' which is in the name of BESCOM & at present O & M unit office is functioning)	124.55	12 Months

Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: 30.01.2023 up to 16:00 Hrs. **Last Date & Time for Receipts of Tenders:** 15.02.2023 up to 16:00 Hrs. **Date & time of Opening Technical bid:** 17.02.2023 at 16:15 Hrs. **Date & time of Opening Price bid:** Will be intimated later.

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting web site **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.01.2023**.

For any clarification contact e-procurement help desk. **080-23010900/ 23010901** or e-mail to **hphelpdesk.blr@gmail.com**.

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SALE PROCLAMATION FORM NO-22

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 38 AND 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993

RC No. 13141/2017 in OA No. 1094/2015

CANARA BANK V/S SRI SUDHIR KUMAR SAHU & Others

To: 1. Sri Sudhir Kumar Sahu S/o. Sri Sushil Kumar Sahu, **2.Smt Shantha Kumari B.** W/o Sudhir Kumar Sahu, Defendant No. 1 & 2 residing at No. 12, Indrashree, 1st Main Road, Amarajyothi Layout, 1st Cross, Cholanagara Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024. **3.Sri Allen Jacob,** S/o Sri Anthony Jacob, residing at : No. 45, 4th Main, Anandanagara, SBM Colony, Bengaluru - 560 024.

The under mentioned property will be sold by 'online e-Auction' through website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** on **22.02.2023** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.49,94,462/-** (Rupees Forty Nine lakhs ninety four thousand four hundred and sixty two only) including costs and interest as on 17.10.2022 with future interest till realisation.The future interest is chargeable at the same rate till realization of debt as per Recovery Certificate in O. A. No. 1094/2015.

Date and Time of e-Auction	**22.02.2023 between 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 Noon**
Reserve Price	**Rs.26,80,000/-**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.2,68,000/-**
Last date& Time of e-Tender Form & EMD Submission	**20.02.2023 before 3.00 P.M**
Bid Increment	**Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES STANDS IN THE NAME OF THE FIRST DEFENDANT

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 30 in land bearing survey No. 24, converted from Agriculture nature to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 250/ 2000-01 dated 24/11/2000 by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District situated at Basavanapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk formerly Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 89+79/2 feet and North to South 117+115.5/2 feet in all measuring 9765 square feet. This property was coming under the limit of K.R. Puram CMC Bangalore bearing Municipal Khata No. 1557 now comes under the limit of BBMP and bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : 30 feet Road, North by: 20 feet Road and South by : Property bearing No. 35 & 36.

Schedule -B: Flat bearing No.7, situated at Ground Floor SAPNA BLOCK -II together with 220 square feet of undived right, title, interest and share in the Schedule 'A' Property and super built up area of 670 Square feet with one car parking in the Basement and bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : Flat No. G-08, North by: Flat No. G-06 and South by : Private Property,

For Terms and condition of sale visit website: **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com of M/s. Antares Systems Ltd., Bangalore** For furthere details Contact Mr. S. Manohar, Mobile : 9686196756 e-mail id:manohar.s@antaressystems.com/ **Mr. Ramakrishna Nathani,** Senior Manager, **Canara Bank, Vasanthanagar Branch, Bengaluru, Contact No.: 9483501370.**

Given under my hand and seal on this **10h day of January 2023.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1, DRT-I, Bangaluru

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

MESCOM invites tender for the following works under Total Turn-Key basis in Shimoga Circle. The interested eligible bidders may log on to website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.01.2023** for more information.

Sl. No	Work Details	Category
1	Running of 11KV Link line from 110/11kv Kittadahalli MUSS to Anupinakatte(Rajanna G.O.S) village in Hosur Section of Shikaripura Sub-Division, Shikaripura Division.	SC
2	Running of 11kv Link line from 110/11kv Ambaragoppa MUSS to Thumbri Hosur main G.O.S in Shikaripura Rural Section of Shikaripura Subdivision, Shikaripra Division.	SC
3	Running of 11kv link line from 110/11kv Shikaripura MUSS to 25kva Basavarajappa DTC at Kengatte IP in Hosur Section of Shikaripura Sub-Division, Shikaripura Division.	General
4	Running of 11kv link line from Amatekoppa Cross existing DP to Hirekalavathi Water Supply GOS in Shikaripura Rural Section, Shikaripura Division.	ST
5	Construction of 11kv link line circuit from 110/11kv Bhadravathi MUSS to Masaralli Village limits for existing F5-Antharagange IP feeder in Barandoor section of rural Subdivision, Bhadravathi Division.	General
6	Formation of new 11kv feeder from 110/11kv Thogarsi MUSS for bifurcation of load of exisiting over loaded F-3 Udri & F-11 Manchi feeders in Soraba Section of Soraba Sub Division, Sagara Division.	General

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RC No. 10677 in OA No. 1746/2014

CANARA BANK V/S SMT. RAJALAKSHMI SRIDHARAN & Others

To: 1. Smt. Rajalakshmi Sridharan W/o. Sri Sridharan V. C. Residing at : No. 19, Sri Manjunatha Nilaya, Jaraganahalli Post, Netaji Subhashchandra Bose Road, Bangalore. **2.Smt. T. L. Annapurna ,** W/o Sri Nagaraju, R/at: No. 3167/A/44, 1st Main Road, Yateesh Complex, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore - 560 021.

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Date and Time of e-Auction	**22.02.2023 between 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 Noon**
Reserve Price	**Rs.24,99,000/-**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.2,49,900/-**
Last date & Time of e-Tender Form & EMD Submission	**20.02.2023 before 3.00 P.M**
Bid Increment	**Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

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DAY'S DIARY

Gates steps down as CEO

In January, 2000 Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and handed over the daily operations to his right hand man Steve Ballmer.

NEXT STEP

Gates remained as chairman and took a new title of chief software architect. He said he gave up the CEO title so he could return to what he loved most, focusing on technologies for the future.

FUTURE FOR MICROSOFT

Along with Steve Ballmer's promotion, Gates announced that Microsoft would develop the next generation windows services, which will power new products and services over the internet.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gates co-founded Microsoft in 1975, and Ballmer joined the company in 1980. He was appointed president of Microsoft in July 1998.

Find out the events happening in the city

PG 2

Visiting the city for the launch of the lead single of his upcoming album *Aye Dil*, popular Bollywood singer Ankit Tiwari gets candid with *CE* about his new label, *Naatu Naatu*'s global success and singing in various languages

'SUCH PROJECTS HELP ME STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE'

TUNIR BISWAS

ALL Bollywood songs are sung by playback singers but not all playback singers only sing Bollywood songs. One of them is famed vocalist Ankit Tiwari, who stepped into Bengaluru on Friday, the 13 for the launch of his new album at an event that took place on Saturday at Lulu Mall in Rajajinagar. He was accompanied by actor and former Femina Miss India World Pooja Chopra.

Coming to the city always makes Tiwari happy. "Even though I'm not performing in Bengaluru this time, I'm here to promote my song *Aye Dil* and my album that shares the same name. We had initially planned on launching this song in December. I am extremely excited for the song's release and the positive reception it has been receiving so far," says Tiwari. *Aye Dil* is already streaming on multiple music streaming platforms and is one of the first songs to be released from the singer's recently launched music label, Mist Music, co-owned with Anshu Mishra.

Pooja Chopra and Ankit Tiwari at the launch of *Aye Dil* in the city.

Outside of Bollywood songs, Tiwari has lent his vocals to songs in various other languages, including Kannada and Telugu. Regarding the song *Naatu Naatu* from the movie *RRR* winning the Golden Globe this year, Tiwari believes it is a matter of pride for all artistes in the country.

"It is a proud moment for all singers, musicians and filmmakers in our nation. I was extremely inspired watching the success of the song and I'm sure other artistes will agree with me as well," says the singer of *Galliyan* (*Ek Villain*, 2014).

Since he is someone who doesn't restrict himself to only Hindi songs, Tiwari is very willing to work in other languages as well.

"I am all for it. Since I am not very familiar with the workings of other film industries, I can do nothing but wait. But if and when someone approaches me with a good offer, I will definitely lend my voice to the song(s). Projects like these also help me step out of my comfort zone," concludes Tiwari, adding that he is currently working on a lot of songs for his label and some for a few upcoming movies as well.

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

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1) Laddo 2) Soan Papdi
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FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

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3) Rama Rao

Known as the 'carpenter in a dress', Bhavani Rao shares her accidental entry into the profession, her love for all-things wood & making an inroad into a male-dominated space

Sharpening her trade

PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

MONIKA MONALISA

It's quite common for visitors at Guddi's Frames of Arts, a store on St John's Road, to spot **Bhavani Rao** sporting a dress covered in sawdust. Rao's family owns the store where she is the chief carpenter.

Having been part of the family-run business, where they specialise in framing collectables, Rao got into carpentry more out of necessity. "Because of the lockdown, the store's carpenter went back to his village, and I fell short of my main carpenter. They are irreplaceable, because either the price quotient is high or the emotional quotient. For example, we have framed a Kodava dagger, which is two generations old. Now, if some damage happens to it, we can't replace it," says Rao, who has also framed an original painting of the late artist MF Husain.

Often addressed as the 'carpenter in a dress', Rao says it is quite unusual for people to find girls picking up carpentry. "Since we deal with high-profile clients, making the best impression in this day and age is to dress formally. So the easiest I found was to sport a dress...it's easy to work in at the workshop and at the same time, looks presentable while meeting clients. I have the full machinery in place, the table saw, cutting machine and the works. When clients visit me, I am covered in sawdust, even if I wear an apron. So they started calling me a 'carpenter in a dress'," says Rao with a laugh.

Rao, who has a bachelor's degree in commerce, says the principle they follow for framing is that customers should themselves be able to remove the framework without any help from a handyman. "We don't use nails, tapes or any sort of adhesive. People have framed the objects and taken them to the UK, US and Australia," she adds.

Rao's passion for her work can be felt in her voice too, when she speaks about her work. Surprisingly enough, she was never interested in carpentry until she stepped into her family business four years ago. "Now, I have a cut in the hand or blisters in the leg. My dad was into all of this so I knew the basic workings. But I actually took it up seriously in the last couple of years," she says, adding her mother and sisters have also been into creative work. In terms of the next step in the carpentry aspect, Rao is planning to start a furniture business where they want to focus on different kinds of jointing techniques.

CPWA launches calendar, distributes t-shirts for Sankranti

On January 14, the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association (CPWA) and Cubbon Park Walkers' Forum (CPWF) officially launched their calendar for this year, at the bandstand in Cubbon Park. T-shirts were distributed to the underprivileged at the event . The audio of *Hasirumana*, a Kannada movie based on social issues and environment for children was also released at the event. The event concluded with a meeting on how to handle pets inside the park. The chief guests present were Rajender Kumar Kataria, principal secretary of the Horticulture Department; Jayanthi Bhat, Sandalwood singer; Gargi Sane and Roshini, Bengali actors; Balakrishna HT, DD of Cubbon Park and S Umesh, advocate and president CPWA and CPWF. Speaking at the event, Kataria said, "We must own this park. It's a public place that is maintained with money from taxpayers. Only if we take collective responsibility and ownership for such public places, will they thrive and develop."

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ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

CINEMA WITH A TOUCH OF LUXE

WE love our movies and the comfort of the auditorium makes the film watching experience all the more immersive and engaging. Bengaluru has no shortage of cinema halls, however, with the opening of PVR's first Director's Cut in the city, cinephiles can now look forward to a luxurious cinematic experience housed at the new Forum Rex Walk on Brigade Road. Film enthusiasts would recall this location which was home to long-time favourite Rex Cinema and the Nilgiris Supermarket. The building was demolished a few years back to make room for a hip mall housing the multiplex, lifestyle stores and experiential dining brands.

With premium food and beverage options that go beyond popcorn and colas, Director's Cut strives to deliver unmatched movie-watching comfort. There are just 243 seats available in the five opulent, themed auditoriums, all of which feature cutting-edge surround sound with razor-sharp image projection technology. The artworks in the art-deco-themed theatre lobby honours illustrious film directors and their storied contributions to filmmaking.

Our attention was drawn to the extensive gourmet menu curated by chefs Mayank Tiwari and Yutaka Saito, which feature both regional and international dishes incorporating seasonal produce, as well as a concierge service for a lavish movie house experience. Undoubtedly a first for a cinema theatre. The Maestro, one of the two lounges, is a non-ticketed lounge, which is open to non-movie goers to enjoy and unwind in while enjoying some food and drinks. Here you will find a live sushi bar, Mangalorean and Chettinad food, Indian street food, signature beverages, popcorn bar and flavour-infused ice creams along with a performance stage to witness live shows.

Avocado tartare, salmon carpaccio, sashimi, and a selection of munch rolls with hokkaido salmon, avocado & sour tomato maki, tuna togarashi & cucumber, crispy shrimp, and blow torched California are just a few of the delicacies available on the Simply Sushi menu. Fresh salads, burrito bowls, dim sums, pasta, mezzes, and kebabs are all offered on the Fork menu, while sabbaki vade, vegetable gassi, baale huvina ambode, chicken sukka, raya fish fry, prawn ghee roast, and meen kozhambu feature on the Go Locale menu. Burgers, hot-dogs, sandwiches, tortilla wraps, pizza, chaats, curries, and Asian cuisine are other options. There is a wide selection of desserts, ice creams, popcorn sundae, smoothies, fresh juices, coffees and specialty teas too.

Summarising the experience, Renaud Palliere, CEO of The Luxury Collections at PVR Cinemas said, "Movie makers make movies. At our cinemas, we embellish the story further for our discerning audience. The experience is part of the escapism."

Whether you're planning a movie date with someone special or treating friends and family to gourmet food fare, this is your go-to place place to enjoy a unique celluloid experience.

BOOK NOOK

Unveiling Jazba: A history of Pakistan Women's Cricket

by Aayush Puthran

Unveiling Jazbaa tells the story of Pakistan's women's cricket, detailing the extraordinary journey the players have been on to bring about change both in their country and in the sport itself.

Take the Chance: Don't Say No If You Can Say Yes

by Rakesh Dewan

Saying 'Yes' when one is tempted to say 'No' is a definite way of moving out of one's comfort zone and attracting new outcomes. Saying 'Yes' to living life is the biggest treasure of all and is the soul of this book and its inspiration.

Dark Star

by Ranbir Sidhu

An old woman lies in bed in Punjab, dreaming of an India before the partition. One day she will walk again, and when she does, she tells herself, she will walk all the way to Delhi, she will tell the men who rule India what she really thinks.

This Kind of Child: The 'Disability' Story

by K Srilata

In *This Kind of Child*, Srilata brings together first-person accounts, interviews and short fiction which open up for us the experiential worlds of persons with disabilities and those who love them.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Divine Creations

Tanjore painting is a form of traditional art from the state of Tamil Nadu. With a rich distinctive past in South Indian culture, the artform is favoured for depicting Hindu dieties. Learn to master Tanjore painting through this workshop.

WHERE: Kalathaana Art Foundation, Basavangudi
WHEN: January 16, 11.30am
DETAILS: allevents.in

Find Your Way Out

Witty Escapes is a new way to entertain yourself while tickling your brain from the comfort of your own home! You're trapped in an abandoned house, and you need to find clues and solve puzzles to complete the mission!

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 16, 10am **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Smiles and Giggles

Meet Shankar Chugani, the stand-up comedian who will have you in stitches with his unique sense of humour.

WHERE: Amendment Gastrobar, Indiranagar
WHEN: January 16, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Climate Action

As Bengaluru drafts its first-ever Climate Action and Resilience Plan, Rogier van den Berg, global director, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, will share his COP27 insights and discuss emerging global best practices on financing and institutional mechanisms for implementing climate action in cities.

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
WHEN: January 16, 4pm
DETAILS: 9886599675

Startup Mixer

On National Startup Day, network with and get to know various business owners and founders from all over the city through The Builders Club.

WHERE: Bangalore Brew Works, Residency Road
WHEN: January 16, 7.30pm
DETAILS: allevents.in

Live Comedy

Catch a few of the city's favourite standup acts taking the stage and trying out some new material. Go with your friends, family, neighbours, and even pets to laugh your heart out.

WHERE: YUCK Comedy CLUB, Indiranagar
WHEN: January 16, 8.30pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Exploration

Anthargange Sunrise Trek is a popular trekking destination. Visit this beautiful rocky hill range in the Kolar district of Karnataka, which is about 1226 metres (4021 feet) high.

WHERE: Meetup at Gopalan Aracde, RR Nagar
WHEN: January 16, 11pm
DETAILS: 9980950279

EARLY ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC

A child excitedly reaches out as her mother hands her a miniature traditional drum on Race Course road recently | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

CABBAGE PAKODA

Contributed by **Saraswathi Iyer,** Chennai (www.sarascorner.net)

INGREDIENTS

- **Cabbage:** 1 big cup, chopped
- **Onion:** 1, chopped
- **Besan:** 3-4 tsp
- **Salt**
- **Corn flour:** 2 tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1/4 tsp (or as per your taste)
- **Green chilli:** 1, chopped
- **Curry leaves:** a few
- **Water to sprinkle**
- **Oil to air fry or deep fry**

METHOD

- In a wide bowl, mix all the ingredients well with little water.
- Heat oil in a kadai/wok, or air fryer. Take lemon size batter in a spoon and drop it into the air fryer or the kadai.
- Fry till it is brown on both sides and then place it on a tissue paper to remove excess oil.
- Enjoy hot with coffee or tea.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA ANJANEYASANA

(REVOLVED LOW LUNGE POSE KNEE ON THE FLOOR)

This pose actively involves the hip flexors just like in Anjaneyasana (Low Lunge Pose), but with a focus on opening and stretching the muscles of the back. This pose massages the abdominal area stretching and contracting both sides of the spine.

STEPS

- From Malasana (Garland Pose), place your right foot on the floor.
- Now, stretch the left leg out completely behind you, place the left knee on the floor.
- Then, push your belly towards the right thigh, exhale and place the left hand on the floor.
- Exhale, twist the torso and the head while stretching the right arm above the shoulder to look upwards.
- Feel a deep stretch at the outer right hamstrings and outer right hip, breathing is easy.
- Stay here for about 3 breaths, push the belly lower to feel the twist at the lower back and the chest.
- It is a bit of a challenge to make sure the alignment of the right knee and the right foot is perfect while twisting the hips and torso carefully with breathing.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens and increases the flexibility of the hip joints.
- Massages the abdominal muscles.
- Increases the efficiency of organs in the abdomen and pelvic floor.
- Helps in better detoxing.
- Abdomen and pelvic floor experience an influx of fresh blood.
- Acts either a warm-up or cool down for the muscles of the legs, back, hips, chest, shoulders, and abdomen.
- Runners will benefit from this stretch.
- Involves the active use of the lower body.
- Helps with better breath awareness, improving lung capacity.
- Sciatica symptoms can be controlled.
- Deep breathing opens the chest and efficiently uses the diaphragm.
- Helps the lungs expand and work to their full capacity.
- Eliminates carbon dioxide and throws the toxins out leaving the body energised and fresh.
- With efficient use of the chest and the diaphragm the lungs remain active.
- Prepares the back for deeper grounding twists.
- Teens can enjoy this practice to energise themselves.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries, surgery, and pregnant women should avoid this.

If recovering from injury or surgery, use blanket or block for the knees & hand.

Those with a history of blood pressure would find it a challenge.

By N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RANJ (Punjabi)

Amanpreet, a young man from a village in Punjab, is not wired for city life. He cracks under the pressure of a troubled work-life, the impending wedding, and his pennilessness, all hell breaks loose.

Cast: Adesh Sidhu, Ekta Sodhi, Kuljeet Singh

Watch on: YouTube

JHANSI (Telugu, series)

Jhansi is a loving wife and a great mother, but she is an amnesiac. Things take a turn for the worse when her forgotten past catches up to her.

Cast: Anjali, Mumaith Khan, Kalyan Master

Watch on: Disney+

TAAZA KHABAR (Hindi, series)

Set in Mumbai, the story follows a sanitation worker who stumbles upon magical powers and creates ripples within his life and everyone around him.

Cast: Bhuvan Bam, Shriya Pilgaonkar, JD Chakravathy

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

STORY OF THINGS (Tamil, series)

A series of strange films of people and things; that explores Human Stories and Emotions that blur the lines between real and surreal.

Cast: Vinoth Kishan, Anshita Anand, Ritika Singh

Watch on: Sony LIV

BABE BHANGDA PAUNDE NE (Punjabi)

Jaggi and his friends can go to any extent to get rich. As they go from selling innovative undergarments to adopting an old man for his insurance money, life turns out to be a laughter riot.

Cast: Sohail Ahmed, Sargun Mehta, Amarjit Singh Saron

Watch on: ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SHIKARPUR (Bengali, series)

A mystery series that follows Keshto, a small-time detective who is determined to solve the murders that are spreading terror in the hill town of Shikarpur.

Cast: Kaushik Ganguly, Ankush Hazra, Sandipta Sen

Watch on: ZEE5

3 C'S (Telugu, series)

An adventure, thanks to a drunken night, leads to best friends Chaitra, Chandu and Cat learning the 3 Cs of life – choices, chances and changes - when their paths cross with a bunch of gangsters.

Cast: Nithya Shetty, Spandana Palli, Gnaneswari Kandregula

Watch on: SonyLiv

FOREIGN

THE FILES OF YOUNG KINDAICHI (Japanese, series)

A live-action series based on the manga series of the same name by Seimaru Amagi, Yozaburo Kanari, and Fumiya Sato.

Cast: Shunsuke Michieda, Ikki Sawamura, Moka Kamishiraishi

Watch on: Netflix

THE HATCHET WIELDING HITCHHIKER (English)

This shocking documentary chronicles a happy-go-lucky nomad's ascent to viral stardom and the steep downward spiral that resulted in his imprisonment.

Watch on: Netflix

AFTERSUN (English)

The film tells the story of Sophie, who reminisces the nuances of a trip she took with her father 20 years ago. With memories imagined present to fill the gaps left by real ones, Sophie attempts to comprehend her father and his identity as one.

Cast: Paul Mescal, Celia Rowlson-Hall, Ethan Smith

Watch on: Mubi

THE MAKANAI: COOKING FOR THE MAIKO HOUSE (Japanese, series)

Two inseparable friends move to Kyoto to chase their dreams of becoming maiko but decide to pursue different passions while living under the same roof.

Cast: Nana Mori, Natsuki Deguchi

Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

READY FOR SOME REGIONAL RAP?

City-based artistes are giving tradition a twist by incorporating languages like Dakhni and Bidari to their music

Mohammed Affan Pasha, aka, Pasha Bhai

RYAN THOMAS

ON the last few months, the city has seen a rise in artistes who are tapping the vast potential of languages without borders. Dakhni and Bidari are two such languages that go beyond boundaries and identities. For the last century, they have remained under the shadows of other mainstream languages, in terms of literature at least.

Take, for instance, Shilpa Mudbi Kothakota, a vocalist who recently performed *Songs of my Ancestors*, which is a collection of songs in the language of her late grandmother. In fact, Kothakota has also created the Urban Folk Project, a space which aims to make community experiences more relevant in an increasingly individualistic world. And the medium of her choice, Bidari, is a mixture of Kannada, Marathi, Telugu, and Dakhni – which itself is another blend of languages and comes from the northernmost district of Karnataka, Bidar, which touches the border regions of the neighbouring states of Maharashtra and Telangana. "The Urban Folk project is a space to talk about folk experiences because we are so distant from that in the urban setting," she says.

Rapper Mohammed Affan Pasha, aka, Pasha Bhai, who recently performed in Dakhni, at an event organised by the Science Gallery Bengaluru, feels both rap and Dakhni complement each other. In November, Pasha Bhai released his album *Bangalore ka Potta* (The naive Bengaluru boy in Dakhni) which caused quite a rift in hip-hop circles. "The album highlights how the city raises a child. From childhood to adulthood, you grow up listening to the city and you keep learning from it. I'm looking at Bengaluru like a teacher," the rapper explains, adding, "Dakhni is often misunderstood for Shivajinagar Kannada or as a dialect of Urdu, but if you listen to it closely, you will start noticing the difference."

Agrees Sarah Fazal, a radio jockey, who has collaborated with various Dakhni artistes, including Pasha Bhai. "I, honestly, feel the recent trends are reviving a long-lost language very creatively. People often confuse Dakhni to be a localised version of Urdu but it isn't. The phrases or words have ingrains of regional ways. For example, 'Nakko', a word in Dakhni, has the same meaning 'no' in Marathi as well. So, the recent trends are only pumping life into a language that has always had its roots in the chapters of history," she says.

Shilpa Mudbi Kothakota

Sarah Fazal

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(Jitha Karthikeyan is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

The show must go on even amid hurdles

School dramas are surely a part of everyone's childhood memories. For those whose acting skills were never found to be worthy of a place on that stage, it still was an exciting time to help the chosen ones behind the scenes. The run-up to the mega day would always be smooth — learning the lines, rehearsals, planning the costumes, and most importantly, the thrill of being able to excuse oneself from regular classes citing practice sessions. And yet, as we all remember, chaos completely took over a few days before the event. The costumes were not ready or did not fit at all, the lead character came down with a severe throat infection, electrical issues played havoc with the lighting, and so on. And yes, as always, the show went on and ended in a standing ovation.

Operational glitches are part and parcel of anything in life. Art shows are no exceptions. A million hurdles need to be crossed on the path that leads to the opening of an art exhibition. Every artist, curator and gallerist can easily form a winning team for the Hurdles event in the next Olympics, going by the multitude of obstacles strewn along the way that they need to overcome.

Hurdle One: Many a time, the reason for the walkathon before the inauguration of an art show turning into a marathon is the late arrival of the artworks. The causes could be many, from customs clearance issues for art from beyond the shores, to delays with the inland courier services. This is precisely the moment when one knows that no matter how carefully organised one is, the universe could perhaps have other plans and one of them could be to increase your blood pressure considerably.

Hurdle Two: The display of art in the gallery space for an exhibition is a crucial part of its success. This is also one aspect that is grossly miscalculated. No matter how meticulous the timetables and schedules made may be, the installation of the artworks almost always goes on till the curtain raising time.

Hurdle Three: There is sometimes the risk of the artworks arriving with either a small or a fair amount of damage. This is the one hurdle that burdens everyone with sadness, for after all, it is an artist's creation that has been compromised. Improper packing and rough handling could be blamed. But, the show happens with the artwork restored miraculously by panicking minds.

The list could go on. There are the electrical failures, especially for digital artworks or leakages that are noticed at the last minute (when the skies pour a day before) and sometimes even pandemics and natural calamities throwing the veil of uncertainty over perfect plans.

And yet, the show always opens to an eager audience, the lights are switched on to reveal masterpieces, the leakages are fixed and everyone revels in the glory of winning the battle of insurmountable challenges. As long as the human spirit is alive, art will find a way to touch humanity and no hurdle can counter that!

CITY READ

School celebrates National Youth Day

On the occasion of National Youth Day on January 12, the students of Government Boys' High School, Malleswaram organised an event to salute and imbibe the ideals and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.

In her debut book, *Dr Cuterus*, Tanaya Narendra discusses the need for and importance of sex-positive conversations

Pages: 280
Publishers: Penguin
Price: ₹299

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

SAHANA IYER

NO matter your age, or the city or board to which your school belonged — if you studied in India, you probably share a nugget from our collective memory. It's sometime in Class 7 or 8 in a Biology class which began with a lot of hush-hush and continued as all the students stifled giggles and the teacher mechanically taught the syllabus. The conversation of sexual education was a taboo then and unfortunately, it continues to be — even as we make snail-paced progress — a topic we speak of in whispers. Dr Tanaya Narendra, however, takes a complete 180 in her approach to the topic in *Dr Cuterus: Everything Nobody Tells You About Your Body*. Loud, proud and to the point.

Not sex, not entirely

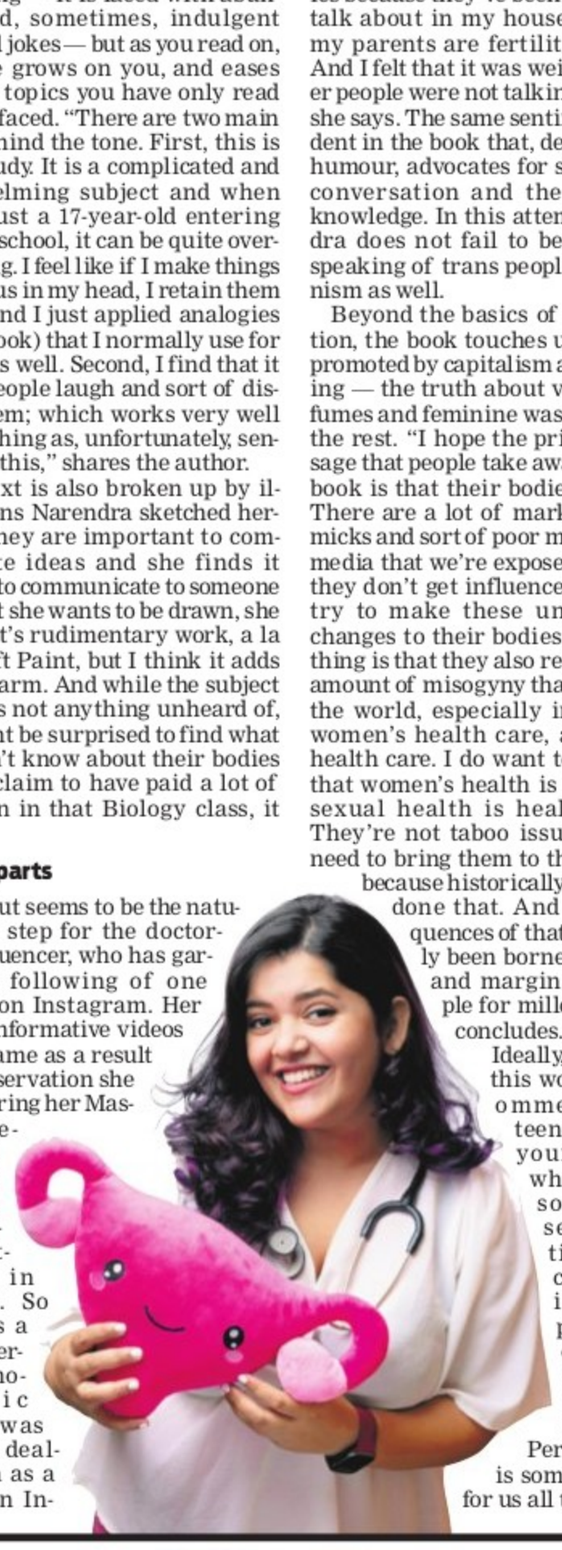
'This is not a book about sex' reads the very first line. And it's true...to some extent. While it doesn't deal with the act of sex, it speaks of everything around it. With detailed descriptions and information on the human body, abortions, birth control and STIs, it encourages you to explore and learn about those 'private bits' (in an academic manner). And she does it with flair and friendly banter. Diving into the book is a bit jarring — it is laced with abundant and, sometimes, indulgent puns and jokes — but as you read on, the style grows on you, and eases you into topics you have only read straight-faced. "There are two main ideas behind the tone. First, this is how I study. It is a complicated and overwhelming subject and when you're just a 17-year-old entering medical school, it can be quite overwhelming. I feel like if I make things ridiculous in my head, I retain them better. And I just applied analogies (in the book) that I normally use for myself as well. Second, I find that it makes people laugh and sort of disarms them; which works very well in something as, unfortunately, sensitive as this," shares the author.

The text is also broken up by illustrations Narendra sketched herself — they are important to communicate ideas and she finds it difficult to communicate to someone else what she wants to be drawn, she shares. It's rudimentary work, a la Microsoft Paint, but I think it adds to the charm. And while the subject matter is not anything unheard of, one might be surprised to find what they don't know about their bodies (I can't claim to have paid a lot of attention in that Biology class, it seems).

Moving parts

This debut seems to be the natural next step for the doctor-cum-influencer, who has garnered a following of one million on Instagram. Her fun yet informative videos online came as a result of an observation she made during her Masters degree. "I did my Masters in fertility treatments in the UK. So this was a very different demographic than I was used to dealing with as a doctor in India. One of the primary things I saw was that for a lot of the cases of people struggling with subfertility, many causes were preventable, with better sex ed, or better fertility education. It made me cross as to why we are not working on this instead. We need better patient dedication, and we need to demystify these topics because they've been common to talk about in my household (both my parents are fertility doctors). And I felt that it was weird that other people were not talking about it," she says. The same sentiment is evident in the book that, despite all its humour, advocates for sex-positive conversation and the power of knowledge. In this attempt, Narendra does not fail to be inclusive, speaking of trans people and feminism as well.

Beyond the basics of sex education, the book touches upon myths promoted by capitalism and marketing — the truth about vaginal perfumes and feminine washes, among the rest. "I hope the primary message that people take away from the book is that their bodies are okay. There are a lot of marketing gimmicks and sort of poor messaging in media that we're exposed to. I hope they don't get influenced by it and try to make these unnecessary changes to their bodies. The other thing is that they also recognise the amount of misogyny that is there in the world, especially in terms of women's health care, and sexual health care. I do want to highlight that women's health is health and sexual health is health, right? They're not taboo issues, and we need to bring them to the forefront because historically, we haven't done that. And the consequences of that have largely been borne by women and marginalised people for millennia," she concludes.



Ideally, a book like this would be recommended for teenagers and young adults who need resources for sex education. But I could imagine adults pulling this off the shelf as well. Who knows? Perhaps there is something new for us all to learn.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIMISHA KUMAR,** Spouse of **VINOD KUMAR,** Resident of No.1, Ganga Eshwar Apartment, 1st Cross, Ashwathnagar, RMV 2nd Stage PO, Bengaluru- 560094 have changed my name from **NIMISHA KUMAR To NIMISHA GIRI** Vide affidavit dated: 13/01/2023 before Notary **N.Peruvazhuthi,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEERA KHIMJIBHAI,** residing at No 17/1, Church Road, Basvangudi, Bengaluru-560004, hereby notify that my name is changed to **MEHRUNISSA HAIDER ALI,** vide affidavit dated 13.01.2023, sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SYED ZABI ULLA PASHA** S/o Syed Shafiulla Pasha Residing at No. 33 and 38, Alahalli, Anjanapura, J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, Bangalore - 560 062. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED ZABI ULLA PASHA** to **(NEW NAME) SYED ZABI ULLA** vide affidavit dated 06.01.2023 sworn before Notary B.V. Nagabhushana Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARAH RICHARD RICHELLE** (New Name) Daughter of Richard Alfred, Aged 22 Years, Residing at NO.10, JAYA NIVAS, 2ND FLOOR, 7TH CROSS, 7TH-C-CROSS, KALAPPA LAYOUT, BASAVANAGAR, MARATHAHALLI COLONY, BENGALURU-560037, AADHAAR : 2278-9733-7165, declare that I have changed my name from **SARAH RICHARD** (Old Name) to **SARAH RICHARD RICHELLE** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SARAH RICHARD RICHELLE** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 13/01/2023 before Notary **B.V.NAGABHUSHANA** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PINTU** aged around 19 Years S/o **Prakash Chand Gujar** (Father) and **Chidiya** (Mother), R/at No. 376, First Floor, 3rd House, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name from **PINTU to PINTU CHAND** vide affidavit dated: 14/01/2023 Before Notary **N.Peruvazhuthi** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SYED THOUSIFF, residing at No. 1372/3A, B.M.Road, Opp. Janatha Saw Mill, Channapatna Town-562160, Ramanagaram District, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED THOUSIFF** to **(NEW NAME) SYED TOUSIF** vide affidavit Dated 12/01/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra, B.A.L, LL.B, Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Nanjundaiah Girish Kumar R/o Prestige Bagamane Temple Bells, Flat No 7117, Tower-7, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore 560098 do here by solemnly decalre that my daughter's name is changed from Girish Kumar Naira to **Girish Kumar Nyra** for all purpose vide affidavit dated 13-1-2023 sworn before the Notary Aravind Patil, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. Manjuvani Patil,** W/o Amare Gouda Patil, age 50 years, R/at No. 24, 1st Floor, 4th 'A' Cross, 2nd Main, Behind Ganesha Temple, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North-560097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUVANI** to **MANJUVANI PATIL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANJUVANI PATIL** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13th January 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.K. NALINAKSHI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VEERESH NIPPANIKAR** S/o **Shivakumar Nippanikar,** Aged About 39 Years, R/at No.05, Sai Brindavan Aparment, 1st Main, 9th Block, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Mallathahalli, Bangalore- 560056 have changed my name to **VEERESH S NIPPANIKAR** vide affidavit dated: 14/1/2023 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SYED LALA MEEYAN, residing at No. Mehdi Nagara, Mallaiahna Doddi lalaghatta Channapatna Town-562160, Ramanagara Dist, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED LALA MEEYAN** to **(NEW NAME) SYED LALAMIYA** vide affidavit Dated 05/01/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra, B.A.L, LL.B, Channapatna.

ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲೂಕು, ಜಾಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ತರಹುನಸೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್.ಚಿ.ಪಟಾಲಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಸುಮಾರು 68 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ್ನ ಶ್ರೀ. ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಗೋಪಾಲಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ ಆದ ನಾನು ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಮಗನ ಶಾಲಾ, ಆಧಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಆಧಾರ್, ಶಾಖ್, ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಗೋಪಾಲಪ್ಪ ಎಂದು ನಮೂದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ ಮತ್ತು ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಗೋಪಾಲಪ್ಪ ಈ ಎರಡೂ ಹೆಸರುಗಳು ನನ್ನದೇ ಹಾಗೂ ಏಕೈ ಆಗಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16-12-2022ರಂದು ಎಸ್.ಆರ್. ರವಿಕುಮಾರ್ ವಕೀಲರು ಮತ್ತು ನೋಟರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಇವರ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IMPANA.S** D/o.Shivappa Age 23 Years R/at No. 5, Mandaiah Layout, Dasanapura Hobli, Totadaguddadahalli, Nagasandra, Bengalur - 560 073. I Have Changed my name from **MEGHANA S** to **IMPANA.S** For all purposes Vide Affidavit Dated 13.01.2023 Sworn before Advocate and Notary B.R. Shashikala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIVYA KYASAPURA NAGENDRA,** aged about 37 years, W/o N.Nataraj, R/at. No.07/1, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Mahalakshmi- pura, Bengaluru-560 086, have changed my name from **DIVYA.K.N, DIVYA NATARAJ** to **DIVYA KYASAPURA NAGENDRA.** Vide affidavit dated: 13-01-2023, sworn before Notary R.Raghunath Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Vijaya Kumar A. S.,** S/o Sanjeeva Shetty P. R. Residing at No 204, 2nd floor, Anjanadri Enclave, No 43, 9th Cross Parimala Nagar, Near Apple Kids, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096 state that In my Aadhar Card bearing no 9235 2576 5426 as Vijaya Kumar A. S. but in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance my name is mentioned as Vijaya Kumar, the both names are belongs to me only **Vijaya Kumar A. S.** and **Vijay Kumar** both names are one and the same sworn before notary R. S. Vijay with vide affidavit dated 13.01.2023.

ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ
ನಾವು, 1) ನಾಗರಾಜು ಡಿ, ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸಪ್ಪ ವಯಸ್ಸು 42 ವರ್ಷ, 2) ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಸ್. ಕವಿತ ಕೋಂ ನಾಗರಾಜು ಡಿ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 35 ವರ್ಷ, ಇಬ್ಬರೂ ವಾಸ ನಂ. 118, 4ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಸಿಬಿಐ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಗಂಗಾನಗರ, ಆರ್.ಟಿ. ನಗರ, ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560032 ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಗಳ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಹೆಸರು ಹುಡಿಕ್ಷ ಎಸ್. ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಆದರೆ ಜನನ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಡಿಕ್ಷ ಎಸ್. ಎಂಬುದರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಹುಮ ಎಂದು ತಪ್ಪಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ದಿನಾಂಕ 13ನೇ ಜನವರಿ 2023ರಂದು ನೋಟರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಕೀಲರಾದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ರಮೇಶ್‌ರವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sri AMARE GOUDA PATIL,** S/o Mahanta Gouda, age 52 years, R/at No. 24, 1st Floor, 4th 'A' Cross, 2nd Main, Behind Ganesha Temple, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North-560097 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **AMARE GOUDA** and **AMARE GOUDA PATIL** are one and the same, now I have changed my name to **AMARE GOUDA PATIL** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13th January 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.K. NALINAKSHI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Pavan.K.S,** S/o **K.N. Seetharama Setty,** Residing at.63, S.B.Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore - 560004 have changed my Son's name from **Prajin P Urutoor** To **Arya Pavan Urutoor** vide affidavit Dated: 11.1.2023 Sworn before Notary D.S.Chandrakanth, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MUKUND CHAND NATHURAM KHATRI S/o Mukund Chand Residing at No. 13, 3rd Floor, 20th Cross, Rangaswamy Temple Street, Bangalore - 560 053. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MUKUND CHAND NATHURAM KHATRI** to **(NEW NAME) NATHURAM KHATRI** vide affidavit dated 14.01.2033 sworn before Notary Hemalatha .P Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJESHWAR AMRUTHA SHETTY resident of # 101, CBR Aavani Apartment, 16/1, 27th Cross, HSR Layout, Sector-7, Bangalore-560102 have changed my name to AMRUTHA K. SHETTY** vide affidavit dated: 13.01.2023 sworn before Advocate and notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

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Rohith Srinath

Rohith Srinath returns to the silver screen with First Day First Show

CE FEATURES

FIRST Day First Show will mark the comeback of veteran actor Srinath's son, Rohith. Known for his role as a child artiste in Mani Ratnam's debut directorial, *Pallavi Anu Pallavi,* Rohith will return to the silver screen with *Ond Kathe Hella* director Girish G's next.

Girish is also awaiting the release of his film, *WOW,* which will skip theatres and premiere on Zee5 soon. The filmmaker has completed *Shalivahana Shakhe*, which is undergoing censor formalities.

Billed as a commercial thriller, *First Day First Show* is backed by Urmila Kiran. "*FDFS,* a popular phrase in filmdom, narrates how a film production team faces numerous challenges owing to piracy. It traces the lives of the technicians and crews facing many challenges to release a film."

First Day First Show has director Girish playing a pivotal character, and also stars BM Venkatesh, Anirudha Shastry, and Harish in important roles, and has been filmed in various locations in Bengaluru and Chennai.

Girish G

Noted choreographer and actor,Sandip Soparrkar joins Sudhir Attavar's *Kari Haida Kari Ajja*

CE FEATURES

SUDHIR Attavar's *Kari Haida Kari Ajja* starring Bharath Surya, Bhavya, Shruti, and popular Hindi actor Kabir Bedi has a rather interesting cast. The latest to join this film is Sandeep Soparkar. A choreographer and dancer, who has starred in Hollywood, Bollywood, and French films, Sandeep makes his Kannada debut with this project.

Sandeep will feature in the role of Guliga, in the film, which traces the life of Koragajja, a young 12th-century Adivasi, who is worshiped as a god.

The shooting of *Kari Haida Kari Ajja* was recently wrapped up, and the film is currently in post-production.

Backed by Trivikram Sapalaya, the film has music scored by Sudheer and Krishna, and cinematography handled by Pavan and Ganesh Kelamane. Suresh Urs, the editor of films like *Bombay* and *Dil Se* is associated with the project.

'KRANTI IS AN ALBUM HIT'

says music composer, V Harikrishna, who tells us that it is always special to compose a song for a star like Darshan

A SHARADHAA

CHALLENGING Star Darshan's upcoming film, *Kranti,* is seeing an unprecedented craze. Ahead of the release of the film on Republic Day (Jan 26), the makers of *Kranti* released the fourth single, titled *Don't Mess with him.* The song, composed by Harikrishna, who is also the director, was launched at an event in Tumakuru.

The event witnessed a large gathering of Darshan fans, who climbed trees and pillars to catch a glimpse of their favourite star. Such was the crowd, that the *Kranti* team could not get off the bus to reach the arena. Eventually, Darshan, who anchored the event, finally climbed to the top of the bus and handled the show.

Describing the event as mass hysteria, Harikrishna said, "Every single person, who was present at the event was there was only for one person...Darshan. He once again proves that he is a fan's hero. Every song event was like a huge procession for us," he says.

As a composer, *Kranti* marks Harikrishna's 27th combination with Darshan, and they have given one more hit album. The four songs (*Dharani, Bombe, Pushpavati,* and *Don't Mess With Him*) were released at various cities at different intervals. The latest is an introductory song penned by director and lyricist Chethan Kumar, and highlights the Challenging Star's personality, both on and off the screen.

Question Harikrishna about what goes into composing an introductory song for someone like Darshan, Harikrishna says, "It is always special to compose a songs for Darshan. He is a larger than life star, who is still humble. Having watched him up and close, for so many years, his personality on and off screen is what inspires us to come with such introductory numbers. " Citing successful actor-composer collaborations like Ravichandran and Hamsalekha, and Raj Kapoor and Shankar Jaikishan, Harikrishna says, "We share a wonderful rapport that reflects in our work."

Harikrishna shares that the *Kranti* audio launch gave the team a different experience. "To date, we usually launched the album behind closed doors. But with *Kranti,* every song was launched amid the fans, right in front of the audience, and we would get instant reactions. This was new to the entire team."

Harikrishna, who last composed music for *Yajamana*, took time to focus on his direction, and it is after three years that he has returned to composing with *Kranti*. "Kranti is an album hit. Usually one or two songs would be a hit. However, with *Kranti,* I'm glad every song has been trending, and declared as chartbusters. Our hit combination as actor and music director continues," he says.

Produced by Shylaja Nag and B Suresha's Media House Studios, Kranti stars Rachita Ram, Ravichandran, Ravishankar, Samyuktha Hornad and Nimika Ratnakar.

Darshan

Yogi Babu, Pramod Shetty team up for a *Sabarimala* film

The film went on floors on the auspicious day of Sankranti

CE FEATURES

POPULAR Tamil actor Yogi Babu and *Kantara*-fame Pramod Shetty are set to collaborate on a multilingual film.

Billed as a 'divine subject', the film will be helmed by Malayalam director Rajeev Vaidya. Madhusudan Rao, who produced *Tootumadike* in Kannada, will be bankrolling this project.

Talking about the film, which went on floors on the occasion of Makara Sankranti, Madhusudan Rao shared that the film takes place in Sabarimala and highlights how the religious place does not differentiate between people of different religions entering the shrine.

The first schedule of the film will be shot in and around Sabarimala.

While Vinod Bharati is onboard as the cinematographer, the rest of the technical team, including the music director, is yet to be finalised by the makers.

The film will hit the theatres on March 17

Ganesh-Preetham Gubbi's *Baanadariyalli* gets a summer release

CE FEATURES

THE release date of *Baanadariyalli,* which marks the reunion of Ganesh and director Preetham Gubbi after *Maleyali Jotheyali, Dil Rangeela, and 99*, has been finalised.

The romantic drama, written by noted cinematographer Preetha Jayaram, is set to hit screens on March 17. Also starring Rukmini Vasant and Reeshma Nanaiah, *Baanadariyalli* is backed by Sri Vaare Talkies. Announcing the release date, Preetham described the film as 'not a love story, but a story about love.'

Baanadariyalli has Ganesh playing a cricketer, Rukmini as a surfer, and Reeshma essaying the role of a wildlife photographer. The interesting character sketches have further intrigued the audience about the plot of the film. With cinematography by Abhilash Kalathi, Baanadariyalli has music by Arjun Janya and editing by Deepu S Kumar.

Audio rights of Shivarajkumar's *Ghost* sold at a good price

The Heist thriller directed by Srini also stars Malayalam actor Jayaram in an important role

Shivarajkumar

CE FEATURES

THE audio rights of Shivarajkumar's *Ghost,* which is currently on floors, has been grabbed by Anand audio. Directed by Srini, *Ghost* is backed by Sandesh Production, and the makers revealed that the audio rights were sold at an 'exceptional' price.

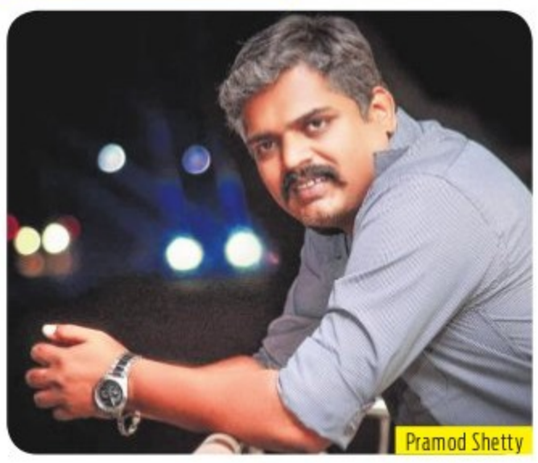
The film created quite a buzz with the motion poster, created by Tehran-based company, ASOO VFX, which was done along with Indian graphic artists -- Monish and Rudresh Olamata. "In fact, it was this motion poster that caught the attention of the audio label," says director Srini.

Ghost, which also marks the Kannada debut of well-known actor Jayaram, also stars Prashant Narayan. The makers are planning to wrap up the shoot either by February end or by March first week.

With Arjun Janya taking care of the music, the cinematography of *Ghost* will be by Tagaru DoP Mahendra Simha.

Shivanna, who was last seen in *Vedha,* is also shooting for Yogaraj Bhat-Rockline Venkatesh's *Karataka Dhamanaka,* and will juggle between this project and *Ghost.* He will also begin shooting for Arjun Janya's directorial debut, titled *45.*

Yogi Babu and Madhusudan Rao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